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15th ,,	EGYPT	7917	.....	.....
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H. H. DEANE,
Resident Engineer, Bombay Division.
Resident Engineer's Office, Bombay March 1905.

THE ASSOCIATED EXCHANGE BANKS.

THE ASSOCIATED EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 17th, 20th and 21st instant, being PUBLIC HOLIDAYS under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

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AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the members will be held at the Club house on THURSDAY, the 16th March, 1905, at 7 P. M., to discuss a subject which will be brought before it.

By Order,
F. MORRIS, Major,
Secretary.

THE BOMBAY TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the shareholders of the Company will be held at the Registered office of the Company No 32 Elphinstone Circle at 3 P.M , on THURSDAY the 16th March, 1905, to receive the Directors' report ; to pass the Audited accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1904 ; to declare a dividend ; to elect directors in the place of those who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election ; to appoint Auditors for the ensuing year and to transact any other business that may be brought forward.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY the 7th March to TUESDAY the 21st March, 1905, both days inclusive.

By order of the Directors
H. BLACKWELL,
Secretary.

Bombay 6th March 1905.

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EUROPEAN and EURASIAN CANDIDATES for appointments in the General Service Signalling Establishment of the Government Telegraph Department are required. They should be over 16 and under 25 years of age and be able to produce certificates of age and character. Whilst under training they will receive an allowance of Rs. 20 per mensem as probationers. Pay—Initial Rs. 40 per mensem—Rising to Rs. 135 per mensem by Grade and annual increment. For further particulars apply to CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT, TRAFFIC BRANCH, Government Telegraph Department, Calcutta.

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2. On and from SATURDAY, the 1st April, 1905, and until further notice, a Weekly Express Train for Neral, Khandala and Lonavla will leave Victoria Terminus every SATURDAY, unless otherwise notified and also on and from MONDAY, the 3rd April, 1905, and until further notice a Return Weekly Express Train will leave Lonavla for Victoria Terminus every MONDAY unless otherwise notified. The Timings of these Trains will be as under :—

ON SATURDAYS. (Unless otherwise notified.)	H. M.	ON MONDAYS. (Unless otherwise notified.)	H. M.
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Neral	Arr. 15-51	Khandala	Arr. 8-38
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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Ayutbia, 691 tons, Captain R J Curtis, sailed yesterday for Bangkok, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Jumna, 2366 tons Captain H L Parsons, sailed yesterday for Calcutta via coast ports, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dwarka, 759 tons, Captain H G Carey, sailed yesterday for Katiawar coast and Karachi with a general cargo and passengers.

The Asiatic S N Co's steamer Nairung, 2361 tons, Captain J E Sandilands sailed yesterday for coast ports and Calcutta, with a general cargo and 41 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Kapurthala, 730 tons, Captain K G Watson, arrived in harbour yesterday from the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo, Mr Blass, and Dr Winton, as cabin and 352 deck passengers.

THE Anchor Line steamer Arabia, 2330 tons Captain G Read, sailed yesterday for Liverpool and Marseilles with a general cargo and the following passengers:—For Suez—Capt Lancer. For Marseilles—Major Kdgell. For London—Capt Bedwell, Mrs Blakeney and child, Lt J Cos, Mrs Lowson and child Mrs F L Reid, Mr and Miss Stapleton and Lt Watson. For Liverpool—Major Blakeney, Mr and Mrs R M Dundas and child Mr Burford, Mr, Mrs, Miss and Master B Macleod and Mr H R Roe, Mr H Rodgers, Mr and Mrs Ross and infant, Revd W Shapter, 2 second class and 39 deck.

ARRIVAL.

Mar.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
14	Kapurthala s.....	Watson.....	Busreh, Feb 27

DEPARTURES.

Mar	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
14	Dwarka s.....	Carey.....	Karachi, &c
	Arabia s	Read	Liverpool, &c
	Nairung s	andilands ..	Calcutta, &c
	Jumna s	Parsons	alcutta, &c
	Ayuthia s	Curtis	Bangkok

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—
Steamer Nizam, for Calcutta, &c
" Scindia, for Calcutta, &c

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B I S N Co's steamer Manora left Marseilles Homewards on the evening of the 11th instant.

The P and O S N Co's steamer Macedonia arrived at Suez from Bombay on the afternoon of the 12th instant.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macdougall arrived in London on the evening of the 12th instant.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Gisela, left Trieste for Bombay on the 13th instant and may be expected here on or about the 29th instant.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Maria Valerie, from Trieste, left Aden for Bombay via Karachi on the 13th instant and may be expected here on or about the 22nd instant.

The same Co's steamer Chiron, from Bombay, arrived at Aden on the afternoon of the 13th instant.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDRS BY LIEUT-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, V. D, COMMANDING.

Bombay, March 15, 1905.

1 The 113th Bombay Infantry Rifle Range at Santa Cruz will be available for Class Firing daily until further orders. Members are earnestly requested to complete their Class Firing as soon as possible.

2 Members who have completed their Class Firing are requested to return their Arms and Accoutrements to Head-Quarters at once.

3 Extract from Garrison Orders dated 11th March 1905 is published for information:—

No 3 S—Musketry Volunteers.

It is notified that the term "Position any Military" in the competition for the Volunteer Command and Provincial Medals should be understood to mean firing without rests.

2 Steps are about to be taken to amplify para 99 A R I Vol IX, as amended by October Appdx 56 I A O of 1901.

4 The Range at Ghat Cooper will be available for Class Firing daily from the 16th instant.

5 "E" Coy (Cyclists) will parade at Head-Quarters to-day (Wednesday) the 15th instant for instruction in Semaphore Signalling.

By Order,
G. D. PRICE, Captain,
Adjutant B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, March 15, 1905.

1 It is notified for information that the Annual Inspection of the Corps will take place at Colaba North Fort on Saturday the 25th instant at 4-30 p.m. by the General Officer Commanding Bo. Brigade—Practice 'Gatacre Cup Competition' Nos 1 and 2 Coys.

Dress—Khaki Uniform, Field Service Caps, puttics not to be worn.

Attention of members is drawn to the fact that attendance at the above Inspection is Compulsary—Leave of absence must be obtained in writing from the officer Commanding Corps or Medical certificate forwarded.

2 The following drills will take place this week:—

No 1 Coy—Wednesday (to-day) at 9 p.m. and Thursday at 6-30 p.m. Town Hall Compound.

No 2 Coy—Thursday at 9 p.m. Colaba North Fort 6" B L Gun Drill.

By Order
A. STIFFE, Capt. R. A.
Adjt. B. V. A.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

LONDON, MARCH 13.

SECURITIES—
2 1-2 per cent. Consols ..... £91 13 16 = unchanged
3 do. Rentes ..... £101 1-4 = — 1-4
2 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan ..... £103 = unchanged
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper ..... £66 5-8 = do

SILVER—
Spot in London ..... 27 3-16 = + 3-16
2 months hence ..... 26 7-8 = + 3-16
Spot in New York ..... 59 = + 3-8

EXCHANGES—
Paris cheques ..... 25·19 1-2 = unchanged
Berlin " ..... 20·46 3 4 = + 1-2
New York Demand ..... 4·86 3-4 = unchanged

DISCOUNTS—
Bank of England ..... 2 1-2 per cent = unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills ..... 2 1-8 per cent = do
4 " " " ..... 2 1-8 per cent = do
4 " " Fine Trade Bills ..... 2 1-2 per cent = do
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills ..... 2 5-8 per cent = do

INTEREST—
Day to day loans ..... 2 3-8 per cent = — 1-8
7 day market loans ..... 2 1-2 per cent = unchanged

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks 16 1-8 sellers tone flat.

RUBBER—
Para Rubber 5s 7d value.

RAPESEED—
Brown 35 1-2 sellers tone dull.

LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 33 business done tone dull.

COFFEE—
Coffee in New York, 7 3-4 unchanged.
Wheat afloat for U K 4,070,000.

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed quiet. East Indian quiet. Manchester firm. Total sales 10,000 bales. Spot 4·24 + 3. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 6 7-8 unchanged. Sold on speculation and for Export, 1,000 bales. Imports 5,000 bales. Futures closed steady.

Mch.-Apl.	Apl.-May	
4·07 +1	4·08 unchgd	
May-June	**June-July**	**July-Aug.**
4·10 unchgd	4·12 unchgd	4·12 unchgd
Aug.-Sept.	**Sept.-Oct.**	**Oct-Nov**
4·13½ unchgd	4·14 —1	4·14 —1
Nov-Dec.		
4·14½ —1		

Receipts at U S Ports ..... 24,000 bales
Do. last year ..... 9,000 "
Exports to Great Britain ..... 7,000 "
Do. do Continent ..... 9,000 "

IN NEW YORK—
Spot ..... 5·90 + 10
Futures, month of March ..... 7·51 + 61
Do. do. July ..... 7·38 + 7
* Advanced owing to "bull" support and short covering

IN NEW ORLEANS—
Spot ..... 7 1-2 + 1-8
Futures, month of June ..... 7·43 + 6
Do. do. Sept. ..... 7·51 + 6
Tone at close ..... steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 48 hours ending at 3 p. m., on Monday, 13th March, 1905:—

Cotton	23,261 bales.
Wheat	12,291 cwts.
Linseed	35,995 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard	7,253 "
Gingellyseed	7,581 "
Poppyseed	168 "
Groundnuts	319 "
Castorseed	2,310 "
Pice	3,493 "
Myrabollams	3,076 "
Cottonseed	31,003 "
Mowrseed	19 "
Gram	4,623 "
Joowar	6,222 "
Maize	nil

BOMBAY, MARCH 14.

Exchange—Tone quieter.
Bank T. T. 1s. 4 1-16d
Bank Demand ..... 1s. 4 3-32d to 1-16
Credit Bills 3 Months' Sight D. A. 1s. 4 1-4d
Do 6 do do 1s. 4 11-32d
French Francs 3 do do ..... 171 to 170 3-4
Marks 3 do do ..... 139 to 138 3-4
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight 136
Shanghai 30 do do 189 1-2
Japan 30 do do 148 1-2
GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. Tone steady
Cash ..... 99·4
1st Settlement ..... 99·4
Money Market, Tone steady.

BANK RATE,—
Bank of England since 9th March 2 1-2 per cent
Bank of Bombay do do do 8 do
Bank of Bengal do do do 8 do
Bank of Madras do 1st do 7 do

SEEDS—
Linseed. Tone quiet. Rs. a. p.
Ready ..... Sellers 6 1 0
Forward ..... do 6 2 0
Rapeseed.—Tone dull.
Brown Cawnpore, Ready. 6 0
Do Forward 6 2
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready 6 8
Do Forward 6 10
Yellow Guzerat Ready 6 9
Do Forward 6 11
Poppyseed.—Tone easier.
Ready ..... Sellers 7 0
Forward ..... do 7 2
Castorseed—Tone quiet but steady.
Ready 28 4
Forward 29 12
Gingellyseed.—Tone, firm, but prices nominal 44 8
Howree Khandeish 15 per cent Mixed ..... " 45
25 per cent. " " " 44
50 per cent " " " 42·8
Black Kutnee " " " 38
Yellow Hingenghat " " 52

WHEAT.—Tone quiet but steady.
White Delhi Ready 4 9 6
Forward 4 9 0

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.
Tone.—Steady.
Estimated sales ..... bales 10,000
Imports ..... " 10,000

Mar.-April 4·10 +3		April-May 4·11 +3
May-June 4·13 +3	June-July 4·13 +3	July-Aug. 4·15 +3
Aug.-Sept. 4·16 +3	Sep.-Oct. 4·17 +3	Oct.-Nov. 4·17 +3
	Nov.-Dec 4·18 +3	

COTTON.—The local market is quiet and unchanged, with very little enquiry either from exporters or mills. The "Satta" market opened quiet at Rs. 195 to 196 for good Broach, but during the day a steadier feeling prevailed and we quote at the close Rs. 197 to 198.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

Bengal (H.-G.)(By. terms) ...	167	156	...	25 March
Bengals, M G Ry terms ...	174	164	...	do
Sind-Punjab M. G. ...	174	164	...	do
Oomrawatee (desepta) (M.-G.)	177	171	...	do
Khandeish do.	167	162	...	do
Jalgaon do	169	164	...	do
Khangaum fair staple (M-G)	177	171	...	do
Karanja do. do. do.				
Akola do. do. do.				
Oomra, good staple (M.G.) ...	188	182	...	do
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (M-G)	183	177	...	do
Nagpore and Kamptee do	189	183	...	do
Broach (M.-G.) ...	199	197	...	do
Do. do ...		196	15-25	do
Dharwar (S.-G) ...		192	25	May
Westerns		181		do

PRICES OF BULLION.

English Bar Gold	28-1
China Leaf	28-1 80 Nom.
Peking Bar Gold, Old	22-11 "
Do. New	22-12 "
Australian Bar Gold, 100 touch	24
Bombay Bar Gold 100 touch	24-1
English Sovereigns	15-10
Do. Dragoons	15-10
Bar Silver 17 Bittersnett	75-4-0
Do. 18	75-4-0

Hope for the Old Folks.

A man of 82 permanently Cured of advanced Urinary Disorders.

10, South Everard Street,
King's Lynn, England,
5th October, 1903.

"Gentlemen,—Father thought you would like to have his photograph to use in one of your books. I am very glad I can tell you that he is still enjoying the best of health, although it was some months ago that Doan's Backache Kidney Pills cured his kidney disorder. He is 82 years of age, and we have all been astonished at his keeping so well, especially when we remember that he spent so many pounds on doctor's fees without getting any benefit. His photo, which I send you, was taken a few years ago, but he looks as young to-day, thanks to Doan's kidney medicine, which seems to have given him a new lease of life. Faithfully yours, Miss BEAR."

Mr. Bear.
(From a Photo.)

The following letter gives the history of Mr. Bear's case. To elderly people it must come as welcome news indeed, for it proves that no one is too old to be cured of kidney disease by Doan's Backache Kidney Pills.

"My health seemed to be giving way after I passed my 50th birthday. I was often taken with chilly sensations; my body used to shake violently, and I came over cold from head to foot.

"It was just at this time that I first noticed trouble with the urine. This got worse quickly, and I had to see the doctor. He did all he could, but it was in vain, and as last he had to use instruments to take the water from me. The good I received, however, did not last long, although the trouble took a different form—I could not hold my water at all.

"Your Doan Backache Kidney Pills, I am truly thankful to say, have brought me real relief at last, although I had suffered for 30 years before I began with the medicine. It at once acted on the urine, giving me better control after the first box of the pills was finished. I am now quite free from any sign of bladder trouble. I do not get the old attacks of chilliness and shaking, and, strange though it may seem, it is true that I am enjoying better health to-day than ever since I was 50 years of age.

"I am telling you of my cure because I am sure there are many elderly people who suffer as I used to, and have got the idea into their heads that they are too old to be cured. I hope my experience will lead them to try your medicine, and I wish them the happy result that I have had."

A sample box of this medicine will be sent free on application to FOSTER-McCLELLAN Co., 8, Wells Street, Oxford Street, London.

BOMBAY 11TH EXTRA MEETING.

(Saturday, 18th March, 1905.)

Entry closed at 6 p m, Monday, 13th March, 1905.

The Goodwood Plate—Distance—7 furlongs.

Mr Kelso's ch g Child's Guide
Mr Kelso's b aus g Royalist
Mr Kelso's b aus g Harpist
Mr Finch's b aus m Balayeuse
Captain Talbot's b aus g Elsington
Mr T L Robert's b aus g Kingston
Mr T L Robert's b aus g Dumbell
Mr F Main's b aus m Kitty Grafton
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's b aus g Admiral Crichton
Aga S Shah's br aus m Shotover
Messrs P B Avasia and B Cooh's b c g Testwood
Mr W H Rae's br a g Goodheart
Mr Gelstaun's b nth aus h Riverside II

The Ballarat Plate—Distance—7 furlongs

Mr Finch's b aus m Pet Girl 14-1
Mr Finch's b aus m Lo Franca 14 0
Mr R R S's bl aus g Come Back 12-0
Mr Kelso's b aus m Rusley Rose, 14-1
Mr C Phillip's b aus m Malvina 14-2
Messrs M Gooculdas and A Nanjee's b aus m Olga 14 0 3 4
Mr Artin A Jessaye's br aus g Koko 14 1 3 4
Mr P B Avasia's b a s g Chippy Norton 14-1 3 4
Mr P B Avasia's g aus g Bestman II 14-1 1 4
Mr P B Avasia's b aus m Solace 14 2
Mr W H Bass' b e m'S P 14-1
Mr W H Bass' br em Filbert, 14-1
Mr P F Fischer's b aus m Key West, 14-0 1 2
Mr Gelstaun's br aus h Midnight, 14 1 1/2
Mr Gelstaun's bl aus m Gun Metal, 14-1 3/4

The Dalar Plate—Distance—9 furlongs.

Mr F M Garda's b a h Narunjee, 14-0
Mr Jaffer Mahomed Mistry's b a h Shaiboob, 11-3 1/2
Mr Fox's b a h Erhan, 13-1 3 4
Mr Abdool Razack's g a h Young Cardigan, 13-3 1/2
Messrs M Goculdass, A Nanji and A M Shamji sn's False Start, 12 3 3/4
Mr R R S's b a h Sarjamal, 13-1 3 4
H H Aga Khan's ch a h Sandow
Aga S Shah's b a h Arabistan, 13 3 1/2
Aga S Shah's b a h St Gatien
Messrs G H S Mahomed and A A Saif's g a h Moorcad, 13-3
Messrs G H S Mahomed and A A Saif's b a h Smasher
Mr Ali Bin Talib's g a h Red, 14 0
Mr Ali Bin Talib's ch a h Badhur
Mr Mustapha Bin Talib's ch a h Faithful, 14-0
Mr A M Bostan's b a h Panalal II, 13-2
Mr G K's b a h Berlin

The Little Strangers' Handicap, Distance—5 furlongs

Mr Hajee Ali Khadere's g a h Darby, 13 2 1/1
Mr D wood Essack's ch a h Zille Is, 13-3
Mr Fateh Alla Essack's g a h Girjistan, 13-3
Mr Abdool Gany's g a h Nadim, 13-1 1/2
Mr Allevi Cassim's b a h Shergar, 13 3
Mr Abdool Farra's g a h Night Star, 13-3
Messrs M Gooculdass and A Nanjee's ch a h Victor Wild 13-2 2/4
Messrs M Gooculdas and A Nanjee's b a h Birthday, 13-2 3 4
Messrs M Gooculdas, A Nanjee's and S A Wahed's g a h Highborn 13-2 1/2
Mr R R S's ch a h Sherali, 13-3
Mr R R S's br ch Thunderstorm, 13 2 1/1
Mr Syed Hasson's b a h Bookbit, 13-3
Mr Rasheed Shamlan's b a h British India, 12-2 1/2
Mr A M Attar's b a h Wait-a-While, 13 3
Messrs Ebrahim Amer and Peel's b a h Sir Robert, 13-2 1/2
Mr L K Kapadia's ch a h Maslim, 13 3
Mr Z M Javeer's ch a Sir Shah, 12 2 3/4
Mr Ebrahim Mann's g a h Warcd, 13-3
Mr A R Dakeel's ch a h Steel, 13-2 1/4
Mr Lumsden's br a h Akbar, 13-3
Mr Syed Ahmed's b a h Pleasure, 18-1

The Santa Cruz Plate—Distance—6 furlongs
Mr F M Garda's b a h Kour Sahib, 13-3 1-2
Messrs C A Beatty and L H Spencer's g a h Vasco, 14-3
Mr F Ghaswalla's g a h Ferdosi, 13-2
Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's b a h Mosumma, 13-2 3/4
Mr Finch's b aus m Arab Maid, 13-3 1/2
Mr Nassar Abdoola's g a h Clever Boy, 13-2 1/4
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Mr W Moran's g a h Young Gazelle, 13-2
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Mr R R S's br a h Thunderstorm, 13-2 1/3
Aga S Shah's ch a h Arjar, 13-3 3/4
Mr Mahomed Shamlan's g a h Zurriff 12-2 1/2
Messrs Goolamally, S Mahomedally and A A Saif's b a h Settler, 13-1 1-2
Mr Jacoby Bin Talib's ch a h Nusser, 14-0
Mr A R Ameer's g a h Young Kootmoor, 14 c
Mr A W Esha's b a h Turn of Luck, 14-0
Mr W Orr Peterson's b a h Playful, 14-0
Messrs M Ramji and A Aziz's g a h Shah Alum, 13 2
Mr M Hormusjee's Howrah, late Bakhtawar 13 3
Mr A M Jaffer's b a h Nippon, 13-3 1-2
Mr Abdoola Ahmed Nusser's b a h Trooper, 14 0
Mr Mujeed Jorjee's h Sugger, 13 3 1 2
Amateur Waiter—Distance—1-2 mile
Captain Wilson's ch a h Winchester, 13-1 3 4
Messrs C A Beatty and L H Spencer's g a h Vasco, 14-0
Mr Stewart's ch a h Prince Arthur, 13-2 3 4
Mr T D Moore's g a h Grey Ghost II, 13 2 1-2
Mr W Orr Peterson's b a h Playful, 14-3

Race declared void.

The Parel Plate—Distance—5 furlongs
Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's b a h Mosumma, 13-2 3-4
Mr F Ghaswalla g a h Firdosi 13-2
Captain Wilson's ch a h Winchester, 13-1 3-4
Mr Henry's g a h Gendarme, 13 3
Mr Nassar Abdoola's g a h Clever Boy, 13 2 1-4
Mr Nassar Abdoola's b a h Shirozi, 13 1-2
Mr Abdool Ganny's b a h Jan Alum, 13-3 3/4
Mr S A Wahed's b a h Reflector, 13-3
Mr W Moran's g a h Young Gazelle, 13-2
Messrs M Gooculass and A Nanjee's g a h Grey Fox, 13-2
Messrs M Gooculdass and A Nanjee's g a h Farewell, 13-2 2/4
Mr R R S's ch a h Mint, 13-3
Mr R R S's b a h Rose, 13-3
Mr Jackson's b a h Hermit, 12-3
Aga S Shah's b a h Oriental, 13-2 1/2
Mr Dawood Essack's ch a h Zille Is, 13-3
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Mr F Ghaswalla g a h Firdosi 13-2
Captain Wilson's ch a h Winchester, 13-1 3-4
Mr Henry's g a h Gendarme, 13 3
Mr Nassar Abdoola's g a h Clever Boy, 13 2 1-4
Mr Nassar Abdoola's b a h Shirozi, 13 1-2
Mr Abdool Ganny's b a h Jan Alum, 13-3 3/4
Mr S A Wahed's b a h Reflector, 13-3
Mr W Moran's g a h Young Gazelle, 13-2
Messrs M Gooculass and A Nanjee's g a h Grey Fox, 13-2
Messrs M Gooculdass and A Nanjee's g a h Farewell, 13-2 2/4
Mr R R S's ch a h Mint, 13-3
Mr R R S's b a h Rose, 13-3
Mr Jackson's b a h Hermit, 12-3
Aga S Shah's b a h Oriental, 13-2 1/2
Mr Jackson's b a h Hermit, 12-3
Aga S Shah's b a h Oriental, 13-2 1/2
Mr Dawood Essack's ch a h Zille Is, 13-3
Mr Fateh Alla Essack's g a h Girjistan, 13-3
Mr Abdool Gany's g a h Nadim, 13-1 1/2
Mr Allevi Cassim's b a h Shergar, 13 3
Mr Abdool Farra's g a h Night Star, 13-3
Messrs M Gooculdass and A Nanjee's ch a h Victor Wild 13-2 2/4
Messrs M Gooculdas and A Nanjee's b a h Birthday, 13-2 3 4
Messrs M Gooculdas, A Nanjee's and S A Wahed's g a h Highborn 13-2 1/2
Mr R R S's ch a h Sherali, 13-3
Mr R R S's br ch Thunderstorm, 13 2 1/1
Mr Syed Hasson's b a h Bookbit, 13-3
Mr Rasheed Shamlan's b a h British India, 12-2 1/2
Mr A M Attar's b a h Wait-a-While, 13 3
Messrs Ebrahim Amer and Peel's b a h Sir Robert, 13-2 1/2
Mr L K Kapadia's ch a h Maslim, 13 3
Mr Z M Javeer's ch a Sir Shah, 12 2 3/4
Mr Ebrahim Mann's g a h Warcd, 13-3
Mr A R Dakeel's ch a h Steel, 13-2 1/4
Mr Lumsden's br a h Akbar, 13-3
Mr Syed Ahmed's b a h Pleasure, 18-1

The entries for above race will be divided by lot, and two Handicaps will be made. (Owners who have entered two horses will have one horse in each Handicap).

CECIL GRAY,
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Bombay, 13th March 1905.

THE bodies of eight merchant sailors in an advanced stage of decomposition have been washed up at different points on the coast in the neighbourhood of Brest. From marks on the clothing, it is supposed that the men belonged to the crew of a British steamer.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

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OTHER PRE-IDENCIES.

BIRTH.

IVEY—March 2, at Umballa, the wife of Lieutenant and Quartermaster T Ivey 1st Oxfordshire Light Infantry, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

MAY—EADES—March 3, at Perlakimidi, Ganjam, by the Rev E Bull, Chaplain of Waltair, James, son of the late Lieutenant-General James May, C B, Indian Army and of Mrs May, Milford, Surrey, to Helen, daughter of the late George Lavender Eades, Esq. of Evesham, Worcestershire.

DEATHS.

BAILEY—February 19, at Lahore, Dudley Lionel Eyre, the dearly loved child of Mr and Mrs Lionel Bailey, aged 1 year and 25 days.

CAMPBELL—February 20 at Trichinopoly, Angus William Campbell, of the Madras Public Works Department, aged 31 year and 4 months.

HOWARD—March 6, at 12, Bank Road, Allahabad, William Cannon Howard, Assistant Commissioner, Northern India Salt Revenue Department (retired), aged 69 years and 11 months.

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Fitzgerald Brothers' Circus, Esplanade, 9-15 p.m.

MANECKJEE NUSSERWANJEE PETIT'S CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.—The total number of patients treated during the last month was 4,509, the daily average being 161. The total of new patients was 540.

MURDER CHARGE:—Yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, Mr. Kersondas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, committed to the Criminal Sessions Jeeva Jaitha, a Hindu, who was charged with the murder of a woman named Amrutbai, at Pydhoni, a few days ago. Mr. Nicholson Public Prosecutor appeared for the prosecution. The facts of the case have been reported.

LADY NORTHCOTE HINDU ORPHANAGE—The following donations have been received in aid of this Orphanage:—Thaker Pragji Liladhar, Rs. 100; from the Trustees of Bai Heera, widow of Hansraj Soorji Rs. 500; Shri Gow Swami Gokulnathji Rs. 87-0-0; Shett Madhavji Thakersey Rs. 51. One gentleman Rs. 43-2-3; Shett Pragji Soorji for milk Rs. 23, Shett Gansee Dharamsey for feast Rs. 20, Shett Lalloobhai Samaldass Rs. 5, Pateli Ramji Dhanji, Rs. 5, and Shett Naradass Kapoor Re. 1.

ASSISTANT COLLECTOR, ABKARI DEPARTMENT.—Mr. Harry Ballantine, lately of the District Police, has taken over charge of the office of Assistant Collector of the Bombay Abkari Department. Although Mr. Ballantine had never before worked in the Abkari Department, he has, for years past, materially helped officers of the Bombay Opium Department in the discharge of their duties, and has consequently gained considerable experience of the working of the Excise laws.

THEFT OF PARROTS.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, Inspector Morris charged Jabeloo Abbas, a Mahomedan, with stealing two Zanzibar parrots of the value of Rs. 100, belonging to Gunni Abdulla, a tea shopkeeper of Memon Street. The evidence showed that on Sunday night last, the accused removed the cages containing the parrots from the verandah of the complainant's shop where they had been left hanging and began to make off with them. He had not gone very far from the shop when he was met by a pedestrian, who awoke the complainant's servant and informed him of the theft. The servant chased the accused when the latter ran into a mosque and concealed himself in a room. Shortly afterwards he came out when he was arrested. One of the birds was found lying dead in the room while the other was found sitting on the roof. He was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

THE KHOJA BURIAL GROUND DISPUTE.—Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar at the High Court, yesterday, was mentioned again the suit in which Hirji Kilu Manek and other Khojas sough, for a decree for a declaration of their rights against Haji Sultan Ali Shustri and other Persian Moguls, in respect of the cemetery in Sonapur. The Hon. Mr. Raikes, Mr. Inverarity and Mr. Lowndes, instructed by Messrs. Payne & Co., appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. D. D. Davar, Mr. Strangman, and Mr. Jinnah, instructed by Messrs. Matubhai, Jamiatram and Mahan, appeared for the first and fourth defendants; and the Hon. Mr. C. H. Setalvad and Mr. Mirza Ali Akbarkhan instructed by Messrs. Mirza and Mirza, were for the second and third defendants. By consent of the parties, a decree was passed declaring that the plaintiffs had a right to use the cemetery and that the defendants be restrained from interfering with the burial of the daughters of the first plaintiff. No order was made as to costs.

ASSAULT BY TRAM-DRIVER.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday morning Mr. Kersondas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, heard a case in which, one Davecaran Kalianji charged Shivnath Baghvannath, tram-car driver No. 125, with assault. It appeared that on the morning of the 4th instant when the complainant was going to mount the tram-car which the accused was driving, from near Null Bazaar, the driver on being asked to stop the car did not do so and the complainant losing his hold of the tram fell to the ground. The complainant thereupon remonstrated with the accused, who turning upon the former assaulted him. Both the complainant and the accused then proceeded as far as the Grant Road Corner, when the former asked the latter his name because he wanted to take legal steps against him. But here too, the accused assaulted the complainant when other passengers, in the tram-car, interfered. Evidence of the eye-witnesses having been led, the Magistrate convicted the accused on charges of unprovoked assaults both at Null Bazaar and at the Grant Road Corner, and remarked that as the insolence of tram-drivers and tram-conductors was on the increase, he would deal severely with the accused who was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment and was fined Rs. 30 or with the alternative of a further three weeks' imprisonment. The fine if recovered was ordered to be paid to the complainant by way of compensation.

APPLICATION FOR RELEASE AS A CONTRIBUTORY.

UNSUCCESSFUL APPEAL TO HIGH COURT.

Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Batty, sitting at the High Court, Appellate Side, have disposed of an appeal in the case of Bh

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INDIAN FINANCES.

MR. A. F. COX, Comptroller and Auditor-General of the Financial Department of the Government of India, has just issued his exhaustive Annual Appropriation Report on the country's accounts. The distinguishing feature of the Budget Estimates for 1903-4 was the decision arrived at, for the first time since 1882, in regard to the remission of taxation. As Mr. Cox places it on record, a succession of big surpluses for a number of years had induced the Government of India in 1902-03 to grant large remissions of famine arrears of Land Revenue and to repeal or reduce certain minor taxes. Two measures of remission were estimated to result in a total reduction of revenue in 1903-4 to a million and three hundred and ninety three thousand pounds and brought down the anticipated surplus in that year to £ 948,700. Increases of revenue, in greater or less proportion were reported in all departments, except Telegraphs, Jails, Education and Superannuation. The collection of Land Revenue surpassed the Budget anticipation by £ 124,700. By far the greatest improvement occurred in the Opium Revenue and in the net earnings of State Railways. Improvements in revenue, augmented by savings in expenditure, principally under Civil Departments, produced considerable improvement in the financial position which enabled the Imperial Government to place largely increased allotments, aggregating close on a million and three-quarters sterling at the disposal of Local Governments for provincial expenditure, a large allotment of the improvement relating to the Provincial Accounts was transferred to Local Governments leaving £ 2,996,400 as the Imperial surplus of the year. Under Land Revenue the increase was due generally to the improved condition of the people consequent upon the cessation of scarcity and to the grant of remissions in the previous year. Under provincial rates the largest improvements occurred in Bombay and the Punjab. The cessation of military operations in South Africa and the diversion of foreign traffic to the cable route via South Africa account for the decrease under Telegraphs. Under Railways the most important improvement was due chiefly to a large export traffic in wheat and also to additional mileage opened.

During the year reported on, the expenditure on Military works fell off by over nine lakhs owing to the absence of changes for special works in 1903-4. Under Army Services, however, there was an increase of almost a crore and twenty lakhs of which forty-five lakhs was due to the Tibet Mission, and fifty-nine and a half to the increase of regimental pay, to the absence of savings on account of the return of troops from South Africa and to charges on account of the late Hyderabad Contingent for the whole year instead of only for a part of the year as in 1902-3. The Home Expenditure, on the other hand, showed a saving of £279,300 chiefly in payments to the War Office of British forces serving in India and in the purchase of military stores. The expenditure on Special Defence works represents the outlay incurred in 1903-4 to carry out a scheme of special coast defences, provision for which was made for the first time in the Budget for that year. Work would have begun earlier in this direction, but that the sanction of the Secretary of State to the scheme was delayed. An improvement in the accounts of the Army Services was chiefly due to the Imperial Government having been debited with the value of stores issued from stock to South Africa, China and Somaliland, of peace equipment stores of corps and batteries which proceeded to China and Somaliland, of horses forming the peace equipment of units sent to China and of mounted infantry ponies sent to Somaliland, and sundry other realisations which had not been anticipated. The receipts in England fell short of the Budget Estimates by £47,500, owing chiefly to the postponement to 1904-5 of expected receipts of the Indian Troop Service and to reduced realisations of subscriptions towards Indian Military Service Family Pensions and of contributions of Indian Native Soldiers lent for Imperial Service. The Aden Delimitation Commission and the Seistan Boundary Commission added to the special charges of the Department, but the excess was partly counter balanced by smaller charges on account of Tochi garrison, due to the withdrawal of regular troops from certain posts in the Tochi Valley; on account of the Gilgit Agency, due to cheaper rates of food supplies; on account of the Kohat-Kurrum Force, due to charges having been compiled as ordinary military expenditure and on account of the Wano garrison, due chiefly to the withdrawal of regular troops towards the close of the year. The expenditure under the heads Blockade of the Mahsud Waziris and the North-West Frontier Field Operations was not anticipated in the Budget.

The accounts under the heading, Ordnance, are instructive in face of yesterday's telegram respecting the rearmament of the artillery. Whereas greater activity and consequent expenditure were looked forward to, we find that there was a saving of a lakh and fourteen thousand rupees. This is said to be due chiefly to the partial lapse of the special provision for the improvement of the position of the officers of the Ordnance Department and other small details. Factories required more money, but by less than a lakh and a half, owing to the employment of extra temporary artificers and others for increased outturn; to the conversion of artillery equipment and to the dismantling of machinery in the Cossipore Factory and erecting it at Ishapore. Freight of large consignments of stores from England cost seventy-three lakhs of rupees, while increased expenditure was incurred in the purchase of local stores for the Sappers and Miners, telegraph stores, light military railway, reserve stores and to more minor allowances. Rewards for military services formed a considerable item of expenditure and carried away three-quarters of a lakh more than anticipated, chiefly owing to a large number of silver medals having been struck and to more payments of wound pensions and gratuities. As compared with the Budget, the English expenditure showed a saving of a hundred thousand pounds under effective charges and an excess of over twenty-two thousand pounds in non-effective charges. The former difference was due to smaller payments being made to the War Office in respect of British forces serving in India, to few officers having been provided with passages otherwise than in Government transports and to a decrease under stores, under non-effective charges, an excess incurred in pay and pensions of non-effective and retired officers of the India Service, of British forces for service in India, owing to larger payments to the War Office and under Miscellaneous Pensions and Indian Military Service Family Pensions owing to insufficient provision in the Estimate.

BOMBAY LOCAL BOARDS.

PLAGUE continues seriously to interfere with the work of the local authorities throughout the Bombay Presidency. A Resolution on the administration of the Local Boards during 1903-04 tells us that, though their work was, on the whole, satisfactory, the severity of the plague epidemic interfered with the progress of education, detracted from the interest taken in the Boards' operations and in places affected the actual execution of the works. Though the Government grants-in-aid of primary education were raised, little advantage could be taken of the increases, but there is the expectation that the effect will be seen in the extension of primary instruction in the near future. The number of District and Taluka Local Boards throughout the Presidency is 231, and of 853 meetings held 47 were adjourned for want of a quorum. All things considered, the latter figure is not high, but it cannot be said that interest in the proceedings of the Local Boards is absolutely enthusiastic. The total income of these bodies during the year was Rs. 48,00,157, a decrease of Rs. 96,785 compared with the previous year. On the other hand there was an increase in their expenditure amounting to Rs. 91,140 the total outlay being Rs. 45,81,112. The Boards were left with closing balances aggregating Rs. 21,31,492 an increase of Rs. 2,29,045 over the previous year when the balances were more than four lakhs in excess of the year before, owing to special Government grants. With few exceptions the Boards finished the year with balances in excess of the minima prescribed by Government, albeit there is no absence of a desire to utilise these surplus funds. Various explanations are given of the causes which produced the excess balances. In the Kaira District damage by locusts, the precise extent of which was not known, compelled caution in the expenditure of the Board's funds. The Public Works Department failed to utilise the full amount set apart for public works in the Panch Mahals. It is explained that in the Bijapur District the excess was due to heavy realisation of the one anna cess in the closing months of the year when no new works could be undertaken, while scarcity of labour in consequence of plague prevented the completion of many of the public works. Of the amounts expended on Civil Works by the Boards, nearly 66 per cent of the total of Rs. 22,39,613 was devoted to the construction and maintenance of roads. In the three Presidency Divisions about 51 per cent of the Civil Works outlay was on repairs to communications, and in Districts like Surat, Satara and Sholapur it amounted to 66 per cent. The Resolution tells us that this subject is receiving the attention of Government from which it may be inferred that Government thinks there is some need for explanation regarding the cost of road repairs in those districts. Throughout the Presidency repairs to communications were responsible for an outlay by the Local Boards of Rs. 11,33,679 and the cost of original road construction was Rs. 3,37,695 The combined total represents a proportion of from 27 to 35 per cent of income in the various divisions. As compared with the previous year the item of Civil Works' expenditure showing the largest increase was the construction of original buildings. On this account Rs. 1,84,553 were spent, an increase of Rs. 65,575 and there was an outlay of Rs. 72,334 for repairs. In Sind new roads, bridges and school houses were built, in Hyderabad and Thar and Parkar, The Local Board establishments carried out public works on which Rs. 10,93,603 were spent and the agency of the Public Works Department was employed for other undertakings involving an outlay of Rs. 11,28,751. From 31 to 40 per cent. of the incomes of the Boards in the Presidency proper is expended on education, and in Sind the proportion is 30 per cent.

WOLVES IN ALASKA.

THAT wolves in Northern Canada still give trouble is proved from a sufficiently grim story of a three days' fight with a pack of those animals in Alaska. An inhabitant of Valdez happened to die at Fairbanks (both in Alaska), and a local farmer offered to transport the body to its native town. He accordingly harnessed ten dogs to his sledge, on which he laid the coffin, and started out upon his journey. On the third day he was followed by a pack of wolves who did not, however, dare to attack him in the daylight. As soon as night came the farmer lit a fire, drew the coffin close up to it, keeping guard throughout the night. The wolves, so far, were more or less timid, and he easily kept them off by brandishing a burning branch. The next day he started off again, not having had a wink of sleep. All day long the wolves hung on his tracks, growing increasingly bold. At nightfall he again kept watch, and again succeeded in keeping the wolves off until morning. Towards daylight he fell asleep to be awakened by one of the wolves leaping on his chest. Nevertheless he managed to drive him off with a hurriedly snatched blazing torch. Not only was he nearly dead for lack of sleep, but he was unable to make himself a cup of tea, or even to get at his provision bag, for the moment his attention was diverted the wolves would seize the opportunity to attack him. Once he even fell asleep standing, with the torch in his hand, and was only awakened by the flame burning his flesh. Finally, on the afternoon of the third day, half mad with fright, thirst and want of sleep, he at last reached a lonely house, some fifteen miles from his destination, where he was able to get help, and the wolves were at last driven off for good. During the whole time of his journey he had not met another person on the road, which gives some idea of the loneliness of that part of the world.

CLARET.

Some time ago we were asked to believe that in all port and all claret logwood chips formed an important constituent and that very little pure wine was obtainable. But a writer in "Cassell's Magazine" assures us that this is wrong. He tells us that no less than 110,000,000 gallons of wine are sold annually as coming from the Gironde vineyards. What is not true is the deduction usually drawn, that it is impossible for the whole of this enormous total to be the pure, unadulterated product of the grape. In a good year, he points out, the grape sells at less than a farthing a pound in the grape country, and obviously there is no motive to use anything else but the grape, for the simple reason that nothing could be cheaper. The complaint, that genuine but new and crude wines are "sophisticated" in such a way as to give them the attributes of mature wines of good vintage, is challenged, and we are asked to believe that a wine which owes its bouquet, aroma, and other æsthetic attractions to coal-tar products may owe everything else to the grape and yet be a deception. It has been said that a good rule for the purchaser who wants genuine claret is to buy either the cheapest or the dearest and avoid the middle-priced qualities. The cheapest are new and crude, but genuine; the dearest are fine old vintage wines; but the middle-priced kinds are wine of inferior quality.

WE are glad to learn that Principal Macmillan is convalescing from his serious illness, and that he will start for home on leave on the 1st of April.

ON Thursday at 7-15 a.m., the Lord Bishop of Bombay will install the Rev. J. H. Beck, M. A., Chaplain of Ahmedabad, as Honorary Canon in St. Thomas's Cathedral, vice the Rev. Canon Roberts who has resigned on retirement from India.

THE "Fauna and Flora of our Metallic Currency" is the attractive title of a paper to be read to-morrow before the Bombay Natural History Society. It will be interesting to know something of the animal and vegetable life which is found on our coins and to know whether copper or silver is the more dangerous as a transmitter of disease germs.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Dholka Railway for the week ending 21st January amounted to Rs. 2,092, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 415. Total earnings from 1st January to 21st January were Rs. 5,990, being a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 51.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti-Valley Railway for the week ending 21st January amounted to Rs. 18,535, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 1,518. Total earnings from 1st January to 21st January were Rs. 54,158, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 13.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Prantej Railway for the week ending 21st January amounted to Rs. 4,834, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 1,153. Total earnings from 1st January to 21st January were Rs. 12,106, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 1,185.

THE "Indian Planters' Gazette" says:—In spite of the warning of the Calcutta correspondent of the "Pioneer," who told the natives of Calcutta, that they would cover themselves with ridicule if they proceeded with the meeting of protest against Lord Curzon's Convocation speech: in spite of the mediation of the Lieutenant-Governor and the Chairman of the Calcutta Corporation; in spite of an alluring bait we need not describe; the meeting engineered by Baboo Surendra Nath Banerjee, was held in the Town Hall under the presidency of Dr. Rash Behari Ghose, the leading native pleader of the Calcutta High Court, and Lord Curzon and all his works and all his pomps were denounced. We have not the time or the space to deal critically with the demonstration in this issue, or to attempt to estimate its significance. Suffice it to say that the feeling was intense, and the moderation of the language used by the only speaker was so unusual as to discover a wound too deep for the relief that comes from clamour.

WRITING of the agate industry in India, a recent official report mentions that the best known and perhaps still the most important of the places at which agate and cornelians are cut and prepared for the market is Cambay, a native State in the Bombay Presidency. The agates come from various localities in the Kaira Political Agency on or near the edge of the trap, but mostly from the State of Rajpipla where the chief source is a conglomerate near the village of Ratanpur. The right to collect the mineral at Ratanpur is leased for a period of five years at a fixed annual rental, but precise data as to the value of the stones sent to Cambay—the centre of the industry—are not available. At Jubbulpore and at a few other places within range of the Deccan Trap agate-cutting is also practised as an industry. Much of the agate retailed in Europe, says the report, is sent from Cambay and large quantities are also exported to China.

AN ISLAND OF DREAMS.

BLUE, wide, deep seas caress it, and it is hundreds of miles from anywhere. Even in maps of the world which are drawn to ever so large a scale you will only find it by looking closely. The best way is to take a map showing the route of the Pacific cable. On the left, low down, you will see a big island called Australia. On the right, high up, you will observe a smaller island labelled Vancouver. Between the two, and across the Pacific Ocean, stretches an indirect red line. From its commencement near Brisbane, in Queensland, travel up the line until you come to a place where an offshore runs north. Stop there. You are at the cable station overlooking Anson Bay, in Norfolk Island, Southward a short red line joins Anson Bay with New Zealand. To the nor'-east the main line runs up through the Fiji group and Fanning Island to Vancouver.

But there is no necessity to go south or nor'-east writes T. H. M. A. in the "Manchester Guardian." Here, at the junction, you are in the Island of Dreams. It is a mere fly-speck, a little point of black ink on the map hardly to be found at all but for the angles, which the three sections of red line make at their junction. You will wonder, however, the ship that land the cable succeeded in fetching up at it. You will wonder how any navigator ever happened to come across it in the first instance, and why it has not been swallowed up and consumed by the long wash of the Tasman. It will seem incomprehensible—the reason why there should be a pinpoint of solid earth in so vast a waste of water. But if your good fortune has ever landed you there, if you have ever been lucky enough to linger for a while in the little Paradise, you will have understood. You will have come to believe that the Creator, having fashioned it—earth and sea and sky,—looked at his world and saw that he might have made it even more beautiful than it is, and that to show how much better it might have been he made Norfolk Island. But, lest man should be dissatisfied with all the rest. He put it away out there in the great waters. And so there it is—a little known jewel ornamenting the old earth as no other can. That is how you will think of it afterwards when it has become your Island of Dreams. Some people like snow or jagged peaks sharp cut against clear skies. Some love the soft beauty of the English spring-time. A stretch of yellow plain, a flicker of mirage in the corner, and a dome of brass above is an incredibly sweet memory to some. Golden sands, with palm trees and hazy purple mountains for a background, haunt the minds of others. Rolling miles of veldt, studded with indigo kopjes, and limited by opal ranges; wet pavements at night, wit the dazzle of the arc-lights in them; bare mountain sides, with grey rain-clouds stooping low; willow trees drooping over still waters—to every man and woman there is some other place that pleases best. But there is none sweeter, or more blessed, or more beautiful to those who know it and look back to it than Norfolk Island.

It is hardly seven miles by four, and in its midst Mount Pitt rises some thousand feet or so out of a wild and tangled growth of oranges, lemons, guavas, fern trees, palms, and hanging vines. The lower country running down from the slopes of the mount and breaking off in high black cliffs of sea-washed basalt, is a series of the grassiest of green ridge and valley lands. The famous giant pine which is alone found here towers above crest and slope—a splendid and dignified monarch among trees. If you stand upon the cleared mountain-top on a summer morning just as the sun comes up over the edges of the disc of waters of which you are the centre you will see the island at its best. The sea is a wide expanse of mother-o'-pearl, the sky a pale blue deepening towards the zenith, the land a miracle of greenness and fertility. To the south, beyond the old clearings which the convicts made, and the white farmhouses of the people of to-day, Phillip Island rises out of the waters, a brilliant red and orange in the early sunlight. It is only a heap of mere earth and rock—a desert place, eaten bare by marooned rabbits,—but a wonderful piece of colour in this dazzling of the light. At your feet lie the farms and buildings of the Melanesian Mission headquarters—a trim and collection of bungalows, dwellings, and barracks, with the Patterson Memorial Chapel and the red roof of Bishop's house in their midst. Behind is the new cable station, with its iron-roofed buildings scattered amongst the dark pines, only the tops of which are as yet out of the shadow of Mount Pitt. Thin spirals of blue smoke curl up from the houses into the clear air. Little green Solomon Island doves, brought here by the great John Selwyn, coo in the bush below. Eastward and north-east lies the greater part of the island—a succession of wooded and cleared ridges. And on all sides is the glassy sea. There is so much sea and so little land in your world this morning, and the horizon is so distant, that you realise how far out of the world—the busy, hurrying, twentieth-century world—you are. Nine hundred miles to the Circular Quay, somewhere about 13,000 to the roar of the Strand. The world's nearest point to you is Auckland. And yet under the white roots behind the world's news goes back and forwards. The details of the last battle in Manchuria are being repeated from Suva for Sydney. Preferential tariff happenings are speeding away westward. Word of the last great man dead is clicking in from the East. You must forget the Pacific cable if you wish to be really out of the world. And that is simple enough. You need only turn your back on Anson Bay and look eastward towards Steel's Point. A stretch of green ridges, belts of dark pine with white cottages in between, more green ridges, orange groves run wild, and between the edge of the land and the edge of the sky a strip of burnished steel that half blinds you as you look. It is good to be alive, and very good to stand upon Mount Pitt at 6 o'clock on a morning in December—blue sky, sunlit sea, and a little fragment of heaven below your feet.

It is a little heaven now, and in it exists the happiest, kindest and queerest of communities. But hardly a man's lifetime ago it was a little concentrated hell—the most horrible corner of the British Empire. The old goal buildings are in ruins, the soldiers' barracks roofless, the storehouses hospitals, and granaries turned into churches, schools, and barns. "Quality Row," the line of stone cottages facing the reef at the southern end, which used to be the dwelling-places of garrison officers and civil officials, is occupied by the descendants of the crew of H.M.S. Bounty. In Whitehall, at the Museum of the United Service Institution, you may see some relics of the Bounty, and the story of the munito as an almost forgotten page of British naval history, but here is living the strange little tribe which the men of the Bounty founded, first in Tahiti, and then in Pitcairn Island. It is half a century since the chain gangs laboured on the wonderful roads that go everywhere throughout the island, since the cat-o'-nine-tails and the gallows held sway, since men used to prefer hanging to becoming "lifers" at Norfolk Island, since there were more than 3,000 convicts and soldiers in the penal settlement. This grim chapter in the island's history has been so long closed that one may only read it nowadays in the dark cells and dungeons and mighty quarries and stoneworks which are the sole memorials of the unhappy men who slaved there in misery. What a hell it must have been the records show. But it has long since ceased to be such. In '57 the Pitcairn Islanders were brought here, and between then and now the "people"—as they speak of themselves—have led a quiet, isolated life, more or less cut off from the world outside. It is a curious community, speaking English to strangers but having for its own use a language of the same poor kind as the Cape "Taal," and which is a blend of English, sailor-slang, and Tahitian. But it is very musical, with its long, soft drawl and slow delivery. And the people themselves are people the like of whom you will not find elsewhere. Brave, simple, hardy, independent, having primitive vices as well as virtues, once you have known and understood them you will always like them and remember them with affection. If you want to enjoy the finest sport in the world go to Norfolk Island for the whaling season. Incidentally you will realise what there is in the handling of a whaleboat and in the cool courage and resourcefulness of a Norfolk Island, crew. But come away before the Island, with its subtropical loveliness, its quaint people, its healthy, clean living takes hold of you altogether. When once this has happened, and it has become your Island of Dreams, you will never cease to long for another sunrise from Mount Pitt, for another whiff of the pine balsam in the air, for another flying spin at the end of a harpoon-line. You will always find yourself gazing out over green valleys and blue seas, and always hear the breezes from the tropics in the pine trees and the soft laughter of the people—and it is a little disquieting.

THE ROUTED ARMY.

RETREAT AND PURSUIT CONTINUE.

DIVISION ANNIHILATED.

A STUPENDOUS DISASTER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, MARCH 13.

The pursuit of the Russians was continued all Sunday, the Russians abandoning their guns and supplies in their wild fright.

Apparently the first Army is alone fairly intact. The whereabouts and condition of the remainder are quite uncertain, and it is doubtful whether the remnants of the shattered armies are capable of holding out if the pursuit is pressed home.

General Kuropatkin, on the 11th instant, admits to fifty thousand wounded, and says the retreat is most arduous, the country being intersected by rivers with steep banks where waggons are only able to cross singly. The Japanese are constantly being reinforced and continuously cannonading. He mentions that of two regiments there are only 150 and 619 survivors respectively.

The newspapers in discussing the battle emphasize its stupendous significance upon the history of the world.

The "Standard" says there will be grave searchings of heart in Germany which has so studiously consulted the ambitions of Russia and stubbornly opposed every advance of Japan. Great Britain, it adds, rejoices unreservedly at the success of a people with whom she is associated by alliance and the ties of common interest and sympathy.

The "Times" pays a glowing tribute to the Japanese statesmen, soldiers and sailors who foresaw, prepared and executed.

LONDON, MARCH 14.

Marshal Oyama reports that the Russian casualties in the Hsingking region were 20,000 men and 1,200 dead left on the field.

Only eighty prisoners, six machine-guns and quantities of stores were captured.

The following two telegrams were received on Monday night, from his Government by Mr. S. Hayashi, Consul for Japan in Bombay :—

A report received on the morning of the 13th instant, states that our forces are continuing the pursuit northward from all directions, meanwhile inflicting heavy loss on the routed enemy. They expelled him northwards entirely on the 12th instant, from a district 26 miles north of Mukden, and are still pursuing.

In a district extending 15 miles near the Railway, north of Mukden, an enormous number of carts laden with ammunition and war materials was found abandoned.

A report received on the afternoon of the 12th instant, states that one Russian officer, who surrendered in Port Arthur, came to Sinmintun from Shanghai breaking his parole and was captured by our garrison.

A report, received on the 13th instant, states that in the direction of Hsingking the enemy's losses are not yet ascertained. Over 800 Russian corpses have been already found on the field.

According to a statement of prisoners their 71st Division was almost annihilated.

Although the Russians burnt their storehouses at Machunten and other places, large quantities of fodder, ammunition and war materials fell into our hands.

The following telegram was received yesterday morning :—

Our army in the Hsingking quarter reported on the 13th instant, the following figures :—Trophies are : rifles 2,200, machine-guns 6, shots for rifles 320,000, materials for light railway for 33 miles, wagons therefor 450. Russian corpses left on the field 1,200, prisoners 80, and the Russian casualties in this quarter were estimated to be over 2,000.

The following telegram was received yesterday afternoon :—

A report received on the morning of the 14th instant, states that in the direction of Hsingking our detachment on the 11th instant occupied Yingpon, eighteen miles east Fushun, dislodging the enemy therefrom.

In the direction of the Shaho our forces in various quarters continue driving in the remnants of the enemy.

In the mountainous district, east of the Piehling road, a considerable number of the Russian officers and men came to surrender.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.

LONDON, MARCH. 14.

Reuter (Niuchwang) says that the Chinese have removed the whole of the rolling stock from the Ying-kow-Sin-min-ting Railway to prevent the conveyance of Japanese contraband.

FRANCE AND JAPAN.

The Defences of French Indo-China.

LONDON MARCH 14.

M. Clemental, the French Minister of Colonies, spends September in Indo-China for studying the improvement of the defences in view of the changed situation in the Far East.

ARMY ESTIMATES.

Increases for New Guns.

The Army Estimates amount to £29,813,000, being an increase of £983,000, due to new guns of which 21 batteries will be completed for India during the year, independent of 8 batteries manufactured in India.

For Immediate delivery 10 H. P. two Cylinder Clement Cars Rs. 5,400.—Sole Agent for India E J. Lee, 23, Esplanade Road Bombay.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FISCAL REFORM QUESTION.

India and Free Trade.

LONDON, MARCH, 14.

A Debate on the fiscal question took place in the House of Lords last night. Lord Lansdowne demonstrated the advantages India obtained from the world's markets from the present fiscal freedom as compared with Great Britain. He had, he said, no idea of abandoning free trade in India and elsewhere, but the interpretations of the word's free trade and protection differed. The Conference in 1906 would not be useful or acceptable unless India had the fullest opportunity of making her wishes known and felt.

There was no idea of imposing upon reluctant India any system not suited to her requirements or disapproved by those most competent to express an an opinion.

AN ABYSSINIAN BANK.

LONDON, MARCH 13.

King Menelik has granted a charter for a State Bank of Abyssinia to the National Bank of Egypt supported by Italian and French financiers.

THE PRESIDENCY BANKS.

IMPROVEMENT SCHEME SANCTIONED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 14.

The "Indian Daily News" hears that the Secretary of State has sanctioned the Government of India's scheme for improving the Presidency Banks.

FIRE AT CALCUTTA.

A fire causing three lakhs of rupees damage is reported at the Sulkea Jute Press, Calcutta. The loss is understood to be covered by insurance.

A MACNAGHTEN MEMORIAL.

A subscription has been opened here for a memorial to the late Mr. E. R. Macnaghten.

THE VICEROY'S TOUR.

The Viceroy makes no extensive tour this spring His Excellency leaves Calcutta on the 31st instant and proceeds to Pusa whither the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal accompanies him to inspect the Agricultural Institute. His Excellency then goes on to Lucknow where he arrives on the 2nd April. The tour thereafter may possibly include Dehra Dun and Agra. His Excellency arrives at Simla on the 12th April.

TROUBLE IN UPPER BURMA.

KACHIN RISING FEARED.

RANGOON, MARCH 13.

Intelligence has been received here of the existence of a certain amount of unrest among the Kachins in the neighbourhood of Myitkyina.

It appears that some opium smuggling was being carried on lately amongst this hill-tribe, and disturbances followed upon the arrests made by the police, and one or two Kachins got killed, which appears to have inflamed some Kachin tribes near Myitkyina, and there are rumours of reprisals taking place.

It is a significant fact that at the Burma Gold Dredging Company's camp, situated some ten miles from Myitkyina, higher up the Chindwin River, a state of alarm prevails. The camp has been protected by a high wire fence and a guard of Gurkhas has been posted on the camp, which contains seven Europeans including two ladies. The miners go about fully armed, and are especially cautious after dark.

These precautions are deemed necessary because about three weeks ago, a Gurkha sentry was shot at by a Kachin. The arrow pierced the sentry's greatcoat just below his heart, and had it been discharged from a closer range, the sentry would have been killed.

An alarm was raised and one of the Gurkhas fired in the direction of the object supposed to have been a Kachin, but when morning dawned nobody was found, so that it is unknown whether the sentry killed his man or not.

ESCAPED CONVICTS RECAPTURED.

All the convicts, who overpowered their native military guard on their way to Rangoon in a railway train, have been captured.

DEATH OF A SAVANTWADI RANI.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

SAVANTWADI, MARCH 14.

Her Highness Tarabai Saheb, Dowager Rani of Savantwadi, mother of the late Sir Desai Shrimant Raghoonathrao, died this morning at 9 o'clock. About three thousand persons excluding the military band and sepoys of the local Corps attended the funeral procession.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

H. M. S. PLASSY vs. S. S. PERSIA.

On Monday evening, an interesting match was played on the Oval between teams representing H. M. S. Plassy and the s. s. Persia. Although the men of the Persia played a sound game, they were easily defeated by the Plassy team by 4 goals to nil.

Like other members of the Royal family, the Duke and Duchess of Fife are now motorists, but in the early days of bicycles they were also devoted to that form of amusement. When first they bought their machines, the "King" tells, a man was sent down to East Sheen Lodge from a London riding school to give the Duchess lessons, and, not being accustomed to the honour, held her rather gingerly. The Duke who was watching, called out to him after a while : "Hold her tighter, man; never mind her Royalty; keep good hold of her. Even Royalty gets hurt if it falls." The man obeyed, with the result that within three days it was the Duchess who was holding the Duke up along the country lanes around East Sheen.

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DAMAGE TO CROPS BY FROST.

REASSURING PROSPECTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 14.

A somewhat reassuring particulars of the damage done to the wheat crop throughout India by the recent frost are given in an official memorandum, issued to-night by the Director-General of Statistics. In the North-West Frontier Province, the harvest will be late, but the prospects of the crop are now stated to be excellent.

In the Punjab the injury done is estimated at from ten to fifteen per cent. in the principal districts, but the late and more important portion of the crop may yet do well.

In the United Provinces, the loss has been estimated as varying in different districts from twenty-five to seventy-five per cent : but these figures, the report states, are likely to err on the side of excess.

In the Central Provinces a crop, little if at all, below the normal, is still expected.

In the Bombay Presidency and Sind, the irrigated crop is fair ; but the dry crop in Gujarat and on light soils elsewhere is poor.

In Hyderabad 73 per cent of a normal outturn is expected and in Bengal 95 per cent.

THE ROAD TO TIBET.

TO BE IMPROVED.

Two Companies of Sappers and Miners will be employed on the improvement of the Hindustan-Tibet road beyond Simla this summer. This road is one of the routes to Gartole in Western Tibet where a British trade agent is now stationed.

REVISED TROOPING PROGRAMME.

The transport Syria from Southampton is due at Bombay on 23rd inst. with drafts and a number of officers and ladies.

The Canning's voyage to Hongkong is now cancelled.

The relief of 93rd Burma Infantry from Hongkong will be carried out in wings. by the Dufferin and Hardinge.

The Clive's trip to Karachi, thence with 2nd Suffolks to Madras will now be taken by the Dufferin leaving Bombay on 15th inst.

Other dates are unaltered.

Consequently on the detention of the 129 Baluchis at Karachi and the cancellation of the Canning's trip to Hongkong, the programme dates of the Hardinge and the Dufferin are revised as follows :—The Hardinge now leaves Bombay on the 3rd instant, thereafter arriving at Mandvi 4th, Karachi 6th, Hongkong 2nd April, Mandvi 18th April ; Bombay 21st April ; Hongkong 7th May ; Taku 13th May ; Hongkong 21st May ; Rangoon 31st May with wing of 93rd Burma infantry ; Karachi 11th June and Bombay 15th June.

The Dufferin leaves Bombay 15th instant ; thereafter arriving Karachi 17th, Madras 29th ; Bombay 6th April ; Hongkong 24th April ; Taku 30th April, Hongkong 8th May ; Rangoon 17th May with wing of 93rd, Burma Infantry) ; Karachi 29th May and Bombay 2nd June.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Native Infantry detachment hitherto stationed at Fort Assirgarh is to be withdrawn to Regimental head-quarters at Mhow.

DEPARTURE OF THE TRANSPORT PLASSY.

The hired transport Plassy, Captain F. H. Seymour, will sail to-day for Southampton, with details consisting of 58 officers, 18 ladies, and 28 children, 21 warrant officers, 15 women, and 36 children, 878 non-commissioned officers and men, 47 women, and 79 children ; 12 insanes and 26 prisoners. The following are the names of the officers :—

Lt-Col W S Burrell, Queens	Lieut A C Ogg, 7th Rajputs
Lt Col T B Winter and wife, R A M C	Lieut J H Henderson and wife, 125th Rifles
Major A T J Lilly, wife and infant, R A M C	Lieut E V Sarson, 40th Bg R F A
Major J H Curtis and wife, R A M C	Lieut L T Raikes, 41st Bg R F A
Major J B Savage and wife, A V D	Lieut Nixon R H A
Henry Major C Pierce, S M D	Lieut Meadows, 7th Rajputs
Major J H S Murray, wife and 3 children, R E	Lieut J Leach, wife and 2 children, R A
Major J Dudgeon, wife and child, S Lane Regt.	Lieut D G Wilson, 2nd Cheshire
Capt W O Ward, R A M C	Lieut Cruickshanks, 34th Pioneers
Capt and Coudg J Lacey, wife and 3 children, Ord Dpt	Lieut E S Hancock, 90th Punjabis
Capt J H Pitchin and wife, 1st Dorset Regt	Lieut Dowling, 8th M and B R G A
Captain F H Dancey, Wilts Regt	Lieut E W S Sands, R E
Capt E B Frederick, Royal Fus	Henry Lt A Battie, wife and 4 children, Mil Education
Capt M Browne, R A M C	Lieut V R Coller 53rd Rifles
Capt W F Corbett and wife, 2nd S Stafford	Lieut N Elliot, 3rd M B R G A
Capt E E Ellery and wife, R A M C	Lieut Pritchell. Gloucester Regt
Capt J H R Bond and wife, R A M C	Lieut J H E Marriott, 12th Pioneers
Capt E W Selberry and wife, R A M C	Lieut T H A Wilson, 4th Cavalry
Capt P J V Kelly, 3rd Hussars	Lieut Bosse, R F A
Captain T A Headlam, E York Regt	Lieut J Corey, 98th Infantry
Capt J Northern, wife and child, S and T Corps	Lieut F R Hensley, Guides
Henry Capt G Celte, wife and 3 children, Misc List	Lieut Simonet, Yorks Regt
Hon Capt T Stone wife and 2 children Mil Works	Lieut E E Murray. 63rd Regt
Henry Capt G Drew, wife and 7 children Mil Works	Lieut H Mulloy, 2nd Gurkhas
Capt E G Henderson, R E	Lieut Beaumont, Dorset Regt
Capt C H Mullock, R F A	Lieut J W Venables, R W Fusiliers
Capt J H Archer, wife and child, Ordnance	Lieut R C B Williams, 35th Sikhs
	2nd-Lt Reynolds West Rdg Regt
	2nd Lt R D C Bell, 63rd R G A
	N Sister Thomson, RAMNS
	N Sister Waterhouse, R A M M S
	Lt-Col Carr, 8 K Horse

WESTERN INDIA TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

In the first round of the Doubles last evening, Messrs. Reid and Barraclough beat Messrs. Harrison and Cheetham 2-6, 6-3, 6-2. The first set was chiefly remarkable for very acurate lobbing by Cheetham and Harrison, and they looked all over like winning the second set when 3 all had been called. Then they seemed to fall off and Reid and Barraclough won the remaining 3 games in good style. The third set saw some very even play ; but the winners improved greatly and played a strong net game and eventually won easily.

The game this evening is between Lt. G. C. S. Randall and Mr. H. Cheetham in the open Singles.

Parcels, both insured and uninsured, may now be sent by post from India to Wei-Hai-Wei (Liu-Kung-Tau) in China at the same rates of postage and subject to the same conditions as those which apply to insured and uninsured parcels for Hong-Kong.

ART, MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

The Whistler Exhibition.

THE CONCERT PLATFORM.

MR. CARTON'S NEW PLAY.

LONDON, FEB. 24.

The opening of the Whistler Exhibition on Wednesday was vastly more than a society affair or an ordinary artistic reunion. It brought together an exceptional gathering of men and women eminent in the Humanities, and it was free from any limitation either of intellectual interest or nationality. Arranged by a cosmopolitan committee, it kept the character up so far as the company was concerned. Inspired by the universal regard for a gifted American, it was opened by one of the greatest living Frenchmen ; and both artists, the living and the dead, had this in common—that their merit was proclaimed in this country, while it was still disputed in their own. Whistler, now no more, is honoured as a prophet everywhere ; and Rodin has come into his own so suddenly that he seems hardly yet recovered from the embarrassment that well-won fame invariably brings to modesty. M. Rodin arrived to open the exhibition just before twelve—a picturesque figure in an astrachan coat and a silk hat—and with him his friends M. J. E. Blanche and M.L. Benedite, of the Luxembourg. The master was received by Mr. Lavery and the other members of the executive committee, and introduced to some of the notable people present. One of the most interesting exchanges of compliment lay between him and the Poet Laureate, and as the two grey heads were bared and conversation opened, a group of friends pressed around to hear what the author of Winkelmann had to say to the great antagonist of the neo-classic school. A few moment later M. Rodin was led to the little staircase on the north side, and given place in the centre of a line of friends. Mr. Lavery presented him with the catalogue of the exhibition with an expression of the pleasure it gave him, and M. Rodin replied with a smile and an inclination of the head. Then in a deep voice that seemed to announce an oration that never came, he said : "Vos excellences, seigneurs, mesdames, et messieurs, l'exposition estouverte." Then he looked around and dismissed the ceremony with a sentence. He said, still in French, that he hoped the display of Whistler's work would make a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of seeing it. He bowed put on his hat, readjusted his eyeglasses, and started on a tour of the rooms. People who had expected a memorable panegyric looked at each other with half-rueful amusement, and then laughingly distributed themselves about the gallery. The eloquence of the occasion was the eloquence that is unexpressed, and those who had paid to be present seemed perfectly satisfied with having seen to advantage one of the most strenuous and commanding figures in the art world of our time.

This memorial collection at the New Gallery is fully sufficient in regard to etchings and lithographs, but the paintings leave more conspicuous gaps than might have been foretold, seeing how zealous and how far-reaching have been the researches of an able committee. The gathering is representative, however, and it is graced by the courtesy of the French Government in their loan of the "Portrait of my Mother." This beautiful and masterly work has happily been seen at intervals during the whole lives of many of the present generation, and during nearly forty years of the existence of their elders. It should have been continuously accessible in one of our national collections, but we cannot complain that it has ever been long out of reach. Most consummate of the painter's works it has a composure that we can hardly be wrong in connecting essentially with the time of the painter's life before the days of successive neglect and misapprehension, and of an answering fume and anger masked by wit. The beautiful tones that make up the state and decorum of the portrait—for it is a portrait as distinctively as it is a picture, and the fine relations of background floor, curtain, dress, engravings, and their frames and mounts are all ranged for the sake of the portraiture—have manifestly been enjoyed by the painter in all their controlled and delicate by play. The flatness so much the boast of the "Carlyle," on the opposite wall, has here a different degree.

Moderation is one of the chief of the secondary qualities of Whistler's work, moderation of colour, of light, of comparison of splendour ; and in this great portrait that moderation itself keeps its place as a subordinate quality, and is not too patently displayed. This picture and the "Miss Alexander," with the admirable standing and vitality of the little figure, prove also that Whistler was, at his best, capable of the drawing of solid forms. The drawing that implies the construction of plane he has in a score of fine examples ; but who can say, judiciously that his drawing, in the more usual sense of the word, is not often uncertain, and that he is not evidently aware of the doubt ? There are in the present exhibition, a number of portraits of young women and girls, under lifesize and often full-face. In one case after another the forms of the face are a little weak, a little astray, sidling, evasive. And here and there the effort to hold them is quite perceptible. The best of these little portraits, the strongest, and the one having the most character, seems to be "The Girl in Red," from the collection of the late Mr. Staats Forbes, while from the same gallery comes one of the least secure, "The Widow." We have here, again, an opportunity of comparing several of the long black standing portraits, surely much to the advantage of the "Mrs. Huth" (lent by Mr. Huth) and of the "Fun Jacket" (the property of Mr. Burrell), with its fine accord of attitude and expression ; and to the disadvantage of Monsieur Duret's picture in which Whistler's fine taste in the relation of figure to background and his tone of black are somewhat at fault ; and to the disadvantage, also, of the "Pable Sarasate," lent by the Carnegie Art Gallery of Pittsburg, and of the yet more commonplace 'F. R. Leyland," the property of Mrs. Prinsep. It is, perhaps, by that excellent picture "Sir Henry Irving as Philip of Spain" (lent by Sir Henry), that we are led most nearly into the neighbourhood of Velasquez. The picture is magnificent in a black and a gold that show the very pride of temperance and measure.

It is even more, needless to say, in the Whistler seas, rivers, and water sides that this moderation rules. In each of these—or almost in every one—there is a further bank or horizon of really wonderful beauty, yet always very abstinent ; neither so mysterious nor so tender as the painter might have made them ; nor is the water so aqueous nor the air so living. Whistler's work is commonly praised for "atmosphere", one might rather say that he produced beauty and truth, most extraordinarily, with the minimum of atmosphere. Now and then the sense of beauty become somewhat more intense, and the sky more airy, as in Mr. Percy Wyndham's exquisite "Nocturne, Blue and Silver," with the little tower to the right and its passage of lovely sky. We are here closer to nature ; as also in the "Old Battersea Bridge" (the property of Mr. Edmund Davis), where Whistler has permitted himself to fill his sky with heavenly lights ; in Mr. Mc'ulloch's "Valparaiso Nocturne," with its superb blue ; and in Mr. Ure's most lovely marine, "A Freshening Breeze." Elsewhere, the reference is, of course, to nature, and it is a true reference, but the close and moving sense of natural things is avoided. There is, in a word everything except passion. This is true of Mr. Alexander Young's admirable grey "Seascape," and of the "Nocturne, Southampton Water," lent by the Chicago Art Institute, with its rising moon and its water and sky intentionally and beautifully, dull, and of arbitrary though admirable colour. In the later night scenes, Whistler's art is to lead us from a twilight foreground into further and deeper degrees of darkness. In some of these profoundly nocturnal pictures the darkness seems so full that, as in nature, the sight searches the deeps and goes forward. Eminently beautiful is that lighter night scene, Mr. W. M. White's "Trafalgar Square, Chelsea," and early moonlight in winter, with a mere box of grimy houses to the right a few slender twigs of trees, and most delicate lights and shadows on the colourless ground. There is hardly anything else in the gallery so wonderful.

At the Bechstein Hall on Saturday afternoon, Mme. Carreno gave a Recital which attracted, under the ægis of Mr. Schulz-Curtius, a very large audience. This pianist has an extremely virile temperament in all her interpretations of great works, this is to say not so much that her purpose is virile, but rather that her strength of wrist and her manner of playing seem, every now and then, to contradict a gentler element which makes her artistic interpretation, when it happens to be at its best, quite noble, but which at other times seems a little over-strained. For example, her interpretation of Chopin, in his Sonata in B. minor, was perhaps rather overdone, for it is curious to find how many women pianists exceed the masculine sentiment of Chopin, even as that wonderful composer misinterpreted the sentiment of masculinity in his own achievements. It naturally follows that, in dealing with Schumann, Mme. Carreno was scarcely so interesting, if only because of the fact that she knows not the very curious and up-to-date treatment of Schumann for which his work absolutely clamours. When we say up-to-date, we mean the ideal of the present generation. Schumann wrote ahead of his time so much that Wagner himself is more likely to lose his modernity than is Schumann. Mme. Carreno's interpretation of the Beethoven Sonata, which is famously known by the title of "Appassionata," was one of the least engrossing things of her concert. With all her feeling for that which is strong significant, and determined in music, it seems to us that here her instinct rather mars her musical thought. She attempts Beethoven from the man's point of view, and is compelled, it would almost seem, to give up that point of view because Beethoven was so intensely strenuous in the stern and austere line of art which he marked out for himself that he practically allows no feeble element to enter into his musical aspirations. We cannot refrain from recurring to the fact that in the case of one well-known literary craftsman, in all his references, he has never ceased to compare Mme. Carreno to such artists as Rubinstein and Von Bulow, a matter which is supposed to prove how curious is the influence of such a player as this, who never fails in power, strength, and what the Italians used to call attacco. It is no wonder, therefore, that in her dealings with both Schumann and Chopin, her work became rather rhetorical than poetical, and that, in Johnson's fine words, she was rather inclined to be high in flight than long on the wing.

It is interesting to think how Mr. Carton would have treated the theme of "Mr. Hopkinson" but a few years since. He began by being, above all things, a humorous sentimentalist, with an obvious reliance on Dickens. The play probably would never have been called Mr. Hopkinson, though Mr. Christie Murray, in The Way of the World, and many other writers have shown that the rich bounder, who seeks the hand of the impoverished lady of title is not necessarily the just object of scorn. The play, if called after any character, would probably have been called after Lady Thyra, the daughter of the Earl of Addleton, whom the Duke of Braceborough, and his impecunious circle would marry to the rich bounder, Samuel Hopkinson that their empty pockets may be replenished. Do the names confuse ? Well though Lady Thyra is the child of the Earl, she lives with his brother-in-law, the Duke that she may the more readily mix in society. Rather uppish, eh ? After a while the Earl begins to kick. He has a mortgage over the Duke's property, and unless the Duke can find Lady Thyra a husband—of large fortune and immaculate antecedents that mortgage will be foreclosed. It is all rather indirect and rather unconvincing, but possibly Mr. Carton felt that were the girl the Earl and Countess of Addleton's own child, their readiness to sacrifice her to their necessities might seen heartless. If so, he was wrong. Nothing could be more heartless than the play he has actually written. Lady Thyra recoils from Hopkinson, but has, apparently, no feeling save toleration for anybody else. She averts the catastrophe by marrying Lord Gawthorpe, a gentleman of Divorce Court reputation, by special licence an hour before the intended ceremony. When Gawthorpe tells her the preceding evening that he is ready to marry her to-morrow, she places her hands on his shoulders and tells him he is a real good fellow, and that she will never forget his goodness. But this is Mr. Carton's sole lapse into sentiment throughout the entire evening. Otherwise Lady Thyra is colours (the only effect of the odious engagement is to make her more epigrammatic), and is mean through and through. This would not have been so a few years ago. Mr. Carton, if he had kept an eye on the pocket that we all carry, would have kept the other on the heart that carries all of us, and a much more amiable and encouraging play would have resulted.

But meaness is in fashion. And Mr. Carton accepts the fashion, or at least falls in with it, and without hint of any satiric intention, places before us as sordid and self-seeking a gang of witty and otherwise diverting miscreants as have ever disgraced themselves, or rather that humanity, of which they are tendered as a sample in the theatre. The Duke and Duchess of Braceborough do not get on together ; they do not even attempt it. The Duke has an infatuation elsewhere, and the Duchess, with whom ways and means force him to make an occasional assignation, is always satisfied to hear that his business is with the same lady, that he has not opened a new branch. They unite only in their efforts to best the Earl and to fleece Hopkinson. Gawthorpe marries Lady Thyra on a thousand pounds that comes out of Hopkinson's pocket via Dursingham, the first gentleman of quality to discover and to exploit that auriferous plebeian. The Earl, though Hopkinson fills him with loathing, is ready enough to execute the settlement that will relieve him of his daughter's keep. Only one other character needs be mentioned, Eliza Dibb, the domestic with whom Hopkinson kept company before he came into his fortune. She is pretty keen, too, and happening to enter the august household and to be assigned to Lady Thyra as the maid to attend her on her honeymoon, manages to extract £2,500 out of Hopkinson and another £2,500 out of Braceborough as the price of her silence. As the final curtain falls she pops her head in on the disillusioned Hopkinson and asks him whether he wants her, reminding him that she now has a bit of her own. We are left to suppose that he does want her—or that bit. For all its meanness, the plays amuses, and its reception was uniformly cordial of hardly enthusiastic. The piece, sluggish in action, mean of outlook, and modestly called a farce, yet proved extremely amusing by the brightness of its dialogue and the ingenuity of some of its incidents. It succeeded on its first night, and should please for many a month to come.

BOMBAY YACHT CLUB RACES.

Ladies' Race "A" Class Yachts.

There were only 4 entries for the race, which was started time in hand ; the Scratch Yacht getting away at 4-15; course was from the Committee Vessel round "B" P. and O. Buoy off Cross Island, thence round North Karanja Buoy and home. Length 6·2 miles. Wind very fresh from N.-W. Not at all a "Ladies' day."

Melody mistook her time, and it not being her weather she gave up shortly after the start. It was a close reach to "B" Buoy and a dead run to North Karanja where Forella had almost caught up Stella. An exciting race then took place between these 2 yachts, and Forella could not gain a yard till Stella unfortunately carried away her jib. Forella was then enabled to pass her of windward and sailing very fast just managed to cut Isca out at the Committee Vessel, and one of the most exciting finishes of the season was scored as follows :—

Yacht	H'cap	Steered by	Time
Forella	Scr	Mrs Kemp	5 7 26
Isca	10m	Mrs Chrystal	5 8 15
Stella	1m	Mrs Outbush	5 8 31
Melody	5½m	Mrs Macbeth	gave up

Mrs. Kemp therefore won the prize in Forella.

Ladies' Tomtit Class Race.

The following race sails to-day at 4-15 p. m.

Names of Boats.	To be Sailed by
Tomtit	Mrs Macbeth
Mop	Mrs C H Byrne
Lapwing	
Maud	Dorothy G Chrystal

Course from Committee Vessel round P. and O B" Buoy off Cross Island, round North Karanja leaving both to starboard and back to the Committee Vessel.

Course,—6·6 miles.

MUKDEN AND ITS ENVIRONS.

In view of the occupation of Mukden, by the Japanese, it may be of interest to recall the description of the town and its neighbourhood, furnished the "Times" some months ago by a correspondent.

To the south, about two miles from the mud ramparts gates in the wide sandy stretch through which sometimes covering the whole sands, but usually as a shifting stream, shallow and with a fast flowing current, winds the Hun river. The sandy waste, which stretches altogether about 20 miles up and down the Hun, which can be forded almost anywhere over these sands, but is much deeper where confined within regular banks, both below and above, is now probably strongly held with sandbag batteries by the Russians, and forms the defence against the Japanese centre, whilst the very high railway embankment to the west of the sands, both north and south of the river for many miles, forms, presumably, the defence against the Japanese left flank. One mile south of Mukden is the Nan Ta, or South Dagoba, one of the four Tibetan shrines, which guard the Sacred City. Eastward, about one mile from this Dagoba, is the Temple of Heaven, a walled circular enclosure, with a plain altar in the centre, where sacrifices are offered, as at Pekin, but by the Emperor's proxy. The sacred herd of black cattle and flock of white sheep feed on the adjacent grassy plain. Westward of the Nan Ta is an enclosure in which a fine herd of the sacred spotted deer are maintained for the Emperor, whilst a herd of Mongolian milch cows are always in readiness for his Majesty whenever he may visit the Sacred Palace which consists of a number of large halls and other buildings all in a more of less dilapidated condition enclosed within a high wall inside the inner city. The Palace was saved when the disbanded soldiers and mob looted much of the city after the boxer time by the opportune arrival and prompt action of Russians. The city walls of Mukden are about 60ft. high 20ft. wide at the top and 30ft. at the base. They stand on a massive concrete foundation above which are layers of well-quarried granite surmounted by the wall proper. The outer face is of large well burned bricks, and the inner face of the same. The space between two faces, which are several bricks in thickness, is filled in with coarse rubble. The top is a paved roadway, along which cannon can be drawn and men marched, and is protected by a high crenellated brick parapet in comparatively modern style. The walls are about a mile long in each direction, pierced on either side by two massive gateways, like railway tunnels, with circular bastions, each with two gateways at right angles to the inner gate, which is surmounted by a three-storeyed watchtower with a wooden and tiled roof. The wide city moats are largely dry, and have, of late years, been partly built over.

The railway station lies about two miles beyond the gates outside the western rampart wall, and there beside it, nearer the city, is the newly-built, fine Russian cantonment. The high railway embankment runs, at a distance of about 600 yards, along the whole north of the outer city. About five miles west by north from the north-west corner of the outer city, and just east of the Mukden-Peking road, there rises a ridge of low hills. The point nearest the Imperial highway has a very old solid Pagoda, which is said stand on the extreme tip of the tail of the dragon, whose head is in the beautiful lake near the summit of the sacred Ever White Mountain, over 700 miles away. The dragon's body lies between and occupies the hilly range which, except for sundry small valleys, covers the whole intermediate distance.

To the east of the Pagoda and due north about two miles from the outer city, on dry rising ground is a beautiful semi-wild park of common forest trees and bushes, covering, probably, 2,000 acres. In the centre of this park is a large grove of fine fir trees, which are surrounded by a brick wall about 600 yards in each direction forming a perfectly square enclosure. The south or main approach is over a long stone-paved causeway now overgrown with trees and grass. Near the great white marble Pai-lau, or triumphal arch it widens and crosses a ruined marble bridge over some artifical water, now much filled in with reeds and sedge grass. Beyond, a grand gateway, with yellow and purpel glazed tiled roofs, stand on either side buildings which were once palatial halls. Within a wide paved avenue flanked with huge stone monuments of elephants horses, cows, camels and white marble pillars, with carved clouds encircling them ; houses in which the retinue of the Emperor can rest ; a magnificent square tower, with three-tiered roof shelters ; a huge white marble tablet ; nearly 20ft. high standing on the back of the marble tortoise, and bearing an inscription sacred to the wonderful deeds of Tai Tsung, the conqueror of China, who compelled the Chinese to wear the "queue" pigtail and tried in vain to make their women cease deforming their feet. Beyond and north of this tower, is a high embattlemented brick wall with a strong gateway and guard tower as of a city. These walls are about 250 yards in each direction. Within this square enclosure are the three great halls where the worship of the spirit of the departed Tai Tsung is carried on by some Prince of the Blood or the Tartar General, as Proxy for the Emperor, on the first and fifteenth days of the moon, and especially at the solstice festivals. North of this square, and surrounded by a high circular, embattlemented brick wall, is a huge oval mound of earth, beneath which slumbers surrounded by all that tends to make for peaceful quite beauty, Tai Tsung, father of the first Manchu, Emperor of China. Above this most sacred mound (there is apparently no entrance to the interior) appear the topmost branches of an old elm, still putting out leave in spring though badly weakened by huge bunches of mistletoe. The tree is said to be the dwelling place of one of the spirits of Tai Tsung. It was the custom of his ancestors to bury their chiefs in hollow trees. Thus, it is said, were originally buried the chiefs whose graves lie further east near the Manchu village at Yung Ling (tombe of the brave), about 80 miles east from Mukden. To the rear of Tai Tsung's grave mounds a small artificial horseshoe-shaped mountain to guard it from the evil north.

Seven miles due east of Mukden are about 4,000 or 5,000 acres of beautiful parklike forest, with steep cliffs to the south, under which winds the Hun river. Near the centre of this forest is the second Mukden tomb the Fu Ling (Tomb of the Blessed) also called Tung Lins (Eastern Tomb) with buildings and arrangements similar to those at the Pei Ling but a somewhat larger grave mound, beneath which rest the sacred remains of Nu-archu, father of Tai Tsung.

All the spirits hold frequent and social intercourse with each other and with the sacred deities of the Dragon Pool on the Long White Mountain : they travel underground along the everthrobbing pulses of the Great Dragon. Hence the agony of the Manuchu when it was proposed that the Russian railway should cross over the ridge between the two tombs of Tai Tsung and Nu-archu. The railway eventually found a convenient little valley. In the same way Mukden city has always suffered from a dearth of fuel, though nothing would induce the Government to allow its subject to mine for coal anywhere within the prefecture (Hsien) of Mukden and specially in the rich coalfields 20 miles eastward near Fu-shun, for disturbing the dragon and the sacred spirits. The Russians have been allowed to mine freely, but just south of the Hun. Not only are there the Imperial tombs above referred to, but a vast number of those belonging to kinsmen of the Imperial family, clansmen and high mandarins are to be seen along the Dragon Hills for many miles. The dragon, according to the "Times" correspondent, is opposed to fire thus he especially detests steam engines, war : and gunpowder. His feelings just now must be sorely tried.

PASSENGERS PER S. S. R. RUBATTINO.

The following is the list of passengers per Italian steamer R. Rubattino, Captain M. Saporiti, sailing for Europe to-day, Cabin passengers are requested to be present at Victoria Dock Shed, No. 3 at 3 p. m., sharp for the medical inspection by the Health Officer of the Port. Third class passengers and native servants will have to be present at Prince's Dock New Distafeeing Station at 2 p. m., with all their luggage and kit :—

To Port Said.—Mrs N A John Mr and Mrs S N Jordanades.

To Venice.—Mr A J and Mrs Whishaw.

To Naples and Genoa.—Sister Agnes, Rev W B and Mrs Anderson and 2 girls, Miss Angell, Lieut-Col P J H Aplin, Rev A and Mrs Bantel, Lieut C H and Mrs Bayley, Miss Dr Bernard, Sir E Buck, Bart, Mr C and Mrs Cornaglia and 3 children, Miss Creighton Rev H G E and Mrs de St Daimas, Miss L G Dickson, the Right Rev Bishop of Ernakulan and 3 priests, Major G F W Ewens, Rev Father Fabian Rev Father M Faria, Mr A Favre-Leuba Mr T and Mrs Glover, Ven T W and Mrs Griffith and 3 children, Miss Griffith, Col and Mrs Hall, Miss Hall, Miss Hassard, Lieut C M T Hogg, Rev J F and Mrs Holcomb, Capt W A and Mrs Justice, Mrs B C H C Kennedy, Rev A Langley, Rev H J and Mrs Lorbeer and 4 children, Miss Lucas, Rev Mother Luise, Miss Martin, Lieut F C Mascall, Miss McCubbin, Rev D J and Mrs McKenzie, Mrs A E McLure, Miss G M Miller, Rev W A Moore, Mrs C H Muller and 3 children, Miss Dr J C Muller, Master Muller, Rev Noel Marsh, Mr D Oliva, Miss Owens, Mrs Parker, Rev S A and Mrs Perrine, Rev E Peters, Miss E M Potter, Mrs Prentiss, Miss Price, Miss Ricketts, Mr L Rossi, Mr F Rufener, Rev E Schmidt, Mr F G and Mrs Self and infant, Capt R S St John, Mrs Sweasey, Capt G R Vancrenen, Lieut-

A DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S ORDER SET ASIDE.

IRREGULARITIES REPORTED TO HIGH COURT.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Russell and the Hon. Mr. Justice Batty, presiding at the High Court, have disposed of a reference made to the Court by Mr. R. S. Tipnis, Sessions Judge of Thana, in a case against Yeshwant Atmaram Deshpande, who had been ordered by Mr. A. R. Bonus, District Magistrate of Kolaba, to be tried by Mr. S. V. Mensinkal, first class Magistrate of Kolaba, for bringing a false charge of offence with intent to injure. Mr. Tipnis recommended that the order of the District Magistrate should be set aside on the ground of irregularities. Mr. M. B. Chaubal appeared for the accused; and Mr. G. S. Rao for the complainant.

Mr. Tipnis, in his reference to the High Court, said that one Yeshwant Atmaram Deshpande made an application to Mr. Bonus, as Collector of Kolaba, alleging certain acts of misconduct on the part of Mr. Krishnaji Laksbman Ambekar, honorary Magistrate, Kolaba, in the exercise of his judicial functions, and prayed that a secret enquiry should be held by the Collector touching the truth of these allegations. Below this application, Mr. Bonus, who was then the Collector as well as District Magistrate, wrote an endorsement, forwarding the application to the Sub-divisional Magistrate, S. D., with a request that he should hold a full inquiry into the matter and record on oath the statements of the applicant and of all witnesses he might produce; that Mr. Ambekar, the honorary Magistrate, should have due notice of the proceedings and should be allowed full right of cross-examination; and that the Sub-divisional Magistrate should record his detailed opinion upon each of the charges, and should submit the whole record to the District Magistrate. The forwarding order was signed by Mr. Bonus, as District Magistrate. The enquiry was made by the Sub-divisional Magistrate, Mr. Bengiri, who sent his report confidentially to the District Magistrate. Mr. Bengiri termed his enquiry as simply "preliminary" or even as "departmental." Upon receipt of this report, Mr. Bonus, District Magistrate held that the charges made by the applicant were not true, and that his whole petition was characterised by malevolence. He further held that as the applicant had completely failed to substantiate his allegation before a Magistrate, it was not necessary to call upon him to show cause why he should not be prosecuted. He therefore sanctioned the prosecution of the applicant, Yeshwant and directed that the case should be tried by Mr. Mensikal. Thereupon the applicant Yeshwant preferred his application to the Sessions Court for revision of the order and for staying further criminal proceedings against him. The proceedings were stayed, and on a subsequent date the Sessions Judge issued notices to the District Magistrate and Mr. Ambekar to show cause; and the case was argued before the Sessions Judge on behalf of the applicant, as well as on behalf of Mr. Ambekar, and also on behalf of the District Magistrate.

As a result of the inquiry, it seemed to the Sessions Judge, for reasons given by him in detail, that the order of the District Magistrate was illegal, and that there were grave irregularities in the matter resulting in a serious prejudice to the accused applicant. The first application was made by the applicant to the Collector, and not to the District Magistrate, and the applicant did not ask for a criminal inquiry or investigation, but prayed for a secret inquiry by the Collector personally. It was difficult to treat the petition as a complaint to the District Magistrate. Taking it to be judicial preliminary inquiry, the District Magistrate was distinctly wrong in not himself examining the applicant and giving him an opportunity to call his evidence before his Court. The result of the irregularities, the Sessions Judge remarked, had been distinctly prejudicial to the accused, for he did not intend that the petition should be treated as a complaint. Whether the order of the District Magistrate was deemed as one falling under section 195 or 476 of the Criminal Procedure Code, it was in any case illegal. For these among other reasons, the Sessions Judge recommended that the order of the District Magistrate might be set aside.

Their lordships, after hearing the arguments of the pleaders, set aside the order of the District Magistrate of Kolaba.

£10,000 FOR LOST LOVE.

SPINSTER OF FIFTY-SIX RAIDS AFFECTIONS OF AGED HUSBAND.

The sum of £10,000 has been awarded by a Brooklyn jury to Mrs. Sarah Williams for the alienation of her husband's affection by Miss Susie Wright, spinster, writes the New York correspondent of the "Express."

The ages of the three persons form not the least remarkable feature of the case. Mrs. Williams is sixty-nine; her wayward husband is seventy-six; and the fair raider of his affections is fifty-six.

Mrs. Williams, in the course of her case, stated that Miss Wright made it her chief business in life to woo and win the erring spouse, who is a wealthy manufacturer. The two met six years ago at a summer resort way up the Hudson River. Miss Wright, then forty-eight, fell a willing victim to the charms of the gay young husband of sixty-eight.

Mr. Williams responded to this extra call on the banks of his affection. Miss Wright used every artifice to seal her conquest. She would draw her chair close up to the manufacturer's and, in the words of Mrs. Williams, "would rock and rock and look and look at him."

Then whenever he was absent for a few days she would sign on his return and tell him how leaden the hours had been and how she had felt the utter loneliness of life.

So the two drew nearer together, and at last the hotel people were notified that Mr. Williams would no longer be responsible for his wife's board. Then husband and wife separated.

Mrs. Williams filed her suit for alienation of her husband's affections in 1902. She claimed £20,000, but the jury reduced this to £10,000—after a deliberation of thirty-five minutes—the time necessary to persuade five sympathetic members who wanted to give the deserted wife the full amount she claimed.

This sum will have to be paid by Miss Wright, and it amounts to just one-eighth part of her fortune, which is £80,000.

THE MACDONNELL IMBROGLIO.

LEAKAGE IN DUBLIN CASTLE.

It has been ascertained that the premature disclosure in the Press of the programme of the Irish Reform Association, which precipitated "the MacDonnell crisis," was due to a leakage in Dublin Castle. The intention was that the programme was not to be divulged until the public meeting of the Association. For safety Sir Antony MacDonnell had it typewritten in Dublin Castle some days before the meeting, as it was considered too precious a document to entrust to any of the ordinary typewriting offices. But what was the result? On that very night a copy of the programme was given to one of the Unionist newspapers in Dublin?

The Nationalists have also often had early intelligence of an important character from sympathisers in Dublin Castle. One of the most remarkable instances is recorded by Sir Spencer Walpole in a footnote to his History of Twenty-five Years. He was private secretary to his father, who was Home Secretary in the Derby Administration in 1866; and as such it fell to him to send news in cipher to the Irish Government that James Stephens, the Fenian head-centre, had landed in Ireland. But Dublin Castle was unable to read the message, as the key to the cipher could not be found. On the other hand, a copy of the telegram was carried straight to the headquarters of Fenianism in Dublin, and easily deciphered? The cipher, adds Sir Spencer Walpole, which was thus used was that employed throughout our diplomatic service; and the whole of the ciphers all over the world had in consequence to be changed.

A party of fifteen bluejackets belonging to H. M. S. "Ramillies" had an exciting adventure in the Medway near Chatham. The cutter in which they were being conveyed collided with H. M. S. "Hearty's" propeller and was overturned. The men, who had to contend with a strong wind and a choppy spring tide, were struggling in the water ten minutes when they were rescued by three steam pinnaces. Two of the sailors, who had a very narrow escape, were in an exhausted condition.

Excavations for the recovery of the body of Captain Paul Jones are proceeding apace, and men are working day and night. A leaden coffin with a brass plate was discovered on the site of the former Protestant cemetery specially set apart for foreigners. As it is known that the Captain was buried in a coffin of the description mentioned, the engineer in charge of the works hastened to the American Embassy to report the discovery of the coffin. The Ambassador, General Porter, visited the spot immediately. The inscription on the brass plate is indecipherable.

THE SIMPLON.

IN HISTORY AND ANECDOTE.

The Simplon Tunnel is new, but the Simplon Pass is old. It may or may not have been used by the Romans; but there was a hospice there as early as the thirteenth century, managed by Knights Hospitallers; and this hospice was rebuilt by Stockalper in 1653; and many notable travellers passed that way from time to time. Among them were John Milton and John Evelyn; and the latter John had quite an adventure there. With him was Captain Wray, and with Captain Wray was a water spaniel—a huge filthy cur that had followed him out of England, and this cur chased a herd of goats into one of the mountain torrents. In due course there arrived a huge young fellow demanding money by way of compensation for the loss of goats. Evelyn and his companion spurred their mules, and tried to ride away from justice; whereupon they were surrounded by the population of the village, pulled off their saddles, disarmed, and locked up in a room until there came half a score grim Swiss, who, taking on them to be magistrates, sat down on the table and condemned us to pay a pistole for the goat, threatening that if we did not pay it speedily they would send us to prison, and keep us to a day of public justice. So the travellers paid, and congratulated themselves upon having got off cheaply. They might, they were fearing, have got their heads cut off, for that among these rude people a very small misdemeanour does often meet that sentence.

Not only was there no Simplon Road in those days. There was hardly even a path—there was little more, in fact, than a "way through." "Horrid and fearful craggs and tracts" is Evelyn's description of the route, and he tells us that "the narrow bridges in some places made only by felling huge fir trees and laying them athwart from mountain to mountain over cataracts of stupendous depth are very dangerous, and so are the passages and edges made by cutting away the main rock." The need for a road must have been clear to all, and ultimately Napoleon had one made. It was begun in 1800, finished in 1805, and opened for traffic in 1807. It is forty-one miles long, crosses 611 bridges, and cost £400,000. A fine road to look at, it is not, in bad weather, a very safe road to travel by. Immense avalanches are apt to fall across it, and that not only in the places in which galleries have been built to ward them off. Only a few years ago such a catastrophe occurred, many chalets and stables being destroyed, many pastures covered, and many forest-trees overthrown. Altogether the mass of snow and ice that fell is computed at from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 cubic metres, and the village of Simplon itself had a very narrow escape. Decidedly one could not say that the existence of a road on which this sort of thing was liable to happen made the construction of a tunnel superfluous.

The tunnel was begun simultaneously on the Swiss and Italian sides in November, 1898, and the method of working at it, was, roughly speaking, as follows: The navvies were carried by special train to the scene of their labours in the bowels of the earth. There the Brandt hydraulic drills bored holes in the rock, working at a pressure of fifteen hundred pounds to the square inch. Into each of the holes thus made the foreman inserted cartridges of blasting gelatine, lighting two minute fuses. Then the navvies ran for their lives, and waited, listening. They heard the detonations, and counted them, and continued to wait some minutes longer in case there should have been a miss-fire. This was important, for once a foreman, walking forward too soon to see the result of a blast, encounted a belated explosion and got his eyes blown out. Next a torrent of nine hundred gallons of water was hurled by compressed air at the rock face, cooling it and washing down the loose masses of rock. This was cleared away as fast as possible, and the whole process was recommenced "de novo." Meanwhile nearer to the mouth of the tunnel, other workers were engaged in polishing the walls of rock and facing them with masonry. At one time the work tapped a subterraneous lake, and arrangements for draining away the water had to be made before the tunnelling could proceed. Consequently it has been necessary continually to postpone the opening of the line. According to the original contract, the perforation was to have been completed on November 21, 1903. Then July, 1904, was the suggested date. Now we are at the end of February, 1905, and the task only just accomplished.

In the course of time, the Americans mean to have the longest tunnel in the world. It is to run from Pennsylvania to Long Island, and its length is to be fifteen miles. Meanwhile, however, the Simplon holds the record, as the following table of tunnel statistics will show:—

	Miles.	Length. Yards.	Approximate cost. £
Simplon	12	444	2 800,000
Saint Gothard	9	554	2,570,000
Mont Cenis	7	1,730	2,000 000
Arlberg	6	404	1,400 000
Hoosac (U.S.A.) ...	4	685	2 200.000
Severn (G.W.R.) ...	4	624	2,000.000

We have spoken of the Simplon tunnel, but there are really two tunnels, connected by transverse galleries—an arrangement which makes ventilation easier, and also facilitates the controlling of the temperature, which has sometimes been as high as 95deg. Fahrenheit during the course of the work.

Now that the line is so nearly completed, we shall begin to hear again of the supplementary lines which the engineers propose to construct for the purpose of feeding it. One of these will proceed from Spiez on the Lake of Thun up the Frutigen Valley—there is already a line as far as Frutigen to Kandersteg, and thence under the Letschberg into the Rhone valley. This will enable us to go to Italy by way of Neveshatel and Berne. Another interesting plan, however, is that for a new line through the Jura. One project is to make a line from Lons le Saulnier tunnelling the Col de la Faucille, to Geneva. An other is to shorten the route from Geneva to Lausanne by means of a loop line from Frasne to Vallorbe, avoiding the present detour by Pontarlier. In one of these two ways the French hope to get back some of the business which they lost through the opening of the Saint Gothard.

THE NEW ATLANTIC CABLE.

GREAT GROWTH IN OCEAN TELEGRAPHY.

The announcement that the Commercial Cable Company had decided to lay a fifth "wire" between Great Britain and America—and we are in a position to confirm the news—is of interest in many ways, but especially is it notable in view of the repeated statements that the Marconi or some other wireless system would soon supersede all lines whether fixed above ground or in the waters under the earth. The fact is that while all cable companies recognise the value of "wireless" for short distances, they doubt its efficacy over three thousand miles of ocean, and, in any case, believe that it will be long before either newspapers or business houses place full reliance upon the new invention.

At all events, the business of the cable companies continues to grow, and, instead of being discouraged, they are encouraged to do everything possible to increase their equipments and extend their routes. The projected line has been necessitated owing to the wonderful success which has attended the establishment of the Pacific cable by the Commercial Company. Fortunately for them, the wire from Manila to San Francisco was just completed when the Russo-Japanese war broke out, and the result has been that this route has already become exceedingly valuable for war news. Not only has America been chiefly served from this source, but news has been sent across America to England and the Continent of Europe, and this circumstance, coupled with the great growth of ordinary business across the Atlantic, has made a new cable absolutely imperative.

At present the company has three cables direct from the south-west of Ireland to Nova Scotia, and a fourth makes a detour by way of the Azores. The new cable, which will be of the most improved type, is expected to be in working order during the coming summer.

The Argentine Government has, according to the Austro-Hungarian Consul in Buenos Ayres, ordered that a district of about one hundred square leagues of State lands in the Santa Cruz territory shall be reserved for colonisation. The land will be sold in parcels of 2,500 hectares to agricultural capitalists.

Advice to Mothers!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winlow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

"DEATH TO THE ROMANOFFS."

REVOLUTIONARY PARTY'S STERN DECREE.

INTERVIEW WITH CARL JOUBERT.

"The Executive Committee of the Revolutionary Party have made up their minds that no Romanoff shall be left alive."

This statement was made by Mr. Carl Joubert in a rather remarkable interview with representative of the "St. James's Budget."

There is no doubt that Mr. Joubert is kept well informed of the work of the Revolutionary Committee, and anything he says therefore, is of more than ordinary interest.

An idea prevails, he remarked, that the Revolutionary Party is made up of Nihilists, dynamitards and terrorists. It is a mistake. The party has hangers-on as all parties have, and while it was weak these hangers-on discredited it. Now it is strong. All Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy, and America could not accomplish the up-rooting of the Revolutionary Party, let alone one foolish Trepoff. It is well organised, it is complete, and if some of our Governments would take lessons from it they would perhaps have less trouble. The party is in no way lacking in money. It can command millions. Three men worth £14,000,000 have devoted every penny to the cause. Other men have made great sacrifices. The sincerity of the movement is proved by the self-effacement of the men. They do not make these sacrifices for any personal aggrandisement. The man who is already spoken of among the people as the President, or dictator, or whatever you may call it, of Russia will, when the cause triumphs, have no greater pleasure than to spend the remainder of his life on his farm.

Oh, if Tsar Nicholas would rule his people as Edward VII. rules his people. If he would rule with wisdom. Let the Tsar come out to-day with a Constitution representative of the people, elected by the people, with governors elected by the people, and he would yet save the Romanoffs. Not a hair of his head would be touched. It is not bloodshed the people want; it is the right to live. Nothing short of a real Constitution will satisfy the people, and that is refused.

When I was told of the decision of the heads of the revolutionary party to destroy the Romonoffs root and branch, I thought of the women and children. I am at liberty if I consider it advisable to give the information I receive to the world. I tried to make England the medium through which could warn the Grand Duchess Sergius not to drive out with her husband. Failing, I immediately communicated with Germany, whence a special messenger was despatched to St. Petersburg. The warning, thank God, was heeded in time by the Grand Duchess. I would have gone to St. Petersburg myself rather than she should have perished.

Sergius deserved the fate that has overtaken him. In England he would not have been tolerated as long. But Sergius's death will sink into oblivion in face of what is coming. I have warned the Tsaritsa through Paris. I have appealed to her love as a mother to leave Russia as quickly as she can. Until the appointed day arrives the Tsar might walk with absolute security in the streets of St. Petersburg if the ordinary precautions were taken against the fanatic, but when that appointed day arrives no palace will be strong enough to save him. My heart really grieves for Nicholas, a weakly foolish man. His mother is largely to blame. If he would only take the counsels of his wife, who is a good and noble woman, he would be better advised.

Mr. Joubert declared that in the "deputation of working-men which went to the Tsar recently there was not a labouring man. He was in a position to mention the names of every one of the deputation. They were the spies of Trepoff dressed up as working-men. He is prepared, he told our representative, to prove every charge he has brought against the Russian authorities before a commission. I am willing, he said, to go to St. Petersburg to do so. My life is very safe in St. Petersburg to-day without soldiers to guard me. I fear Trepoff very little."

King Edward, Mr. Joubert thinks, might yet be able to save the situation. Some words of advice from the man who has done more in the last two years in the cause of humanity and peace than all the Ambassadors in a thousand years might have the desired effect.

THE DISASTER TO SUBMARINE "A 5."

IMPORTANT REGULATIONS BROKEN.

Captain Reginald Bacon, R. N., D. S. O., and Dr. Boverton Redwood, F. R. S. E., Adviser to the Home Office on Petroleum Oils, concluded at Haulbowline the other day their official inquiry on behalf of the Admiralty into the recent disastrous explosion on board the submarine "A 5."

Dr. Redwood stated that he had come to the conclusion that if there had not been a lamentable disregard of one of the most important regulations, the explosion would not, and could not, have occurred. In his judgment the recent disaster furnished no ground for apprehension as to the safety of the submarine vessels.

Captain Bacon and his colleague then went to the hospital to take the evidence of the two survivors lying there, and on returning read their depositions. Edward Bonham stated that when he was below in the submarine there was a strong smell of petrol. St. John was forward at the moment of the explosion, getting a little fresh air. Asked why should he go there, the witness said he was a bit giddy from the smell of the petrol aft. St. John told him that there was a slight leakage in the pump. Lieutenant Good put the ventilation fans on as soon as he smelt the petrol and said nobody was to touch any of the switches. Then the boat seemed much clearer, and the next order he gave was, "I think we had better take a few turns of the gas-engine, and that will clear the aft part of the boat, as we have to go diving this morning." Orders were given to start the motors, and just after the explosion happened.

Captain Bacon then delivered his finding. He observed that there had been a strong smell of petrol in the boat. One man was giddy from the smell of the petrol, and had gone forward under the fore-hatch for fresh air. In spite of this fact the motors were deliberately started to revolve the engine to exhaust the vapour. In addition, he said: I find that the explosion in "A 5" submarine was caused by the presence in the boat of petrol vapour from a leak of the liquid petrol at a badly-packed gland of the petrol pump, and that the explosive mixture formed was ignited by sparks from the main motor-brushes, caused by attempting to move the motors electrically, with a view to revolving the engine; and further that such a use of the motor was a flagrant violation of the regulations laid down.

Captain Bacon expressed his appreciation of the attempts made by the officers and men of the Hazard to recover the injured from the "A5," and said that for thirty men out of a small ship's company to volunteer to enter the boat which was practically on fire was a fact of which he considered the Navy might be proud.

THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, MARCH 14.

Tuesday.—The barometer has risen briskly to rapidly at the North-East Coast, and the depression over the North-West Bay has practically filled up. The depression from Persia is apparently entering Sind this morning. It has given rain in Baluchistan and very light precipitation in Kashmir. A few scattered showers have fallen elsewhere. Quetta and Bangalore report half an inch, Akyab, Silchar, False-Point quarter of an inch. The depression entering North-West India is giving feebly unsettled weather in that region where light local precipitation is possible especially in the West Himalayas during the next 24 hours. More rain is likely in Baluchistan. There is a possibility of local thunder showers in South India.

Observations taken at 8 A.M. on Tuesday, the 14th March.

SUMMARY.

Pressure.—With the exception of a brisk fall at Saugor pressure changes have been small and irregular over the reporting area. The barometer is about normal.

Winds are variable in direction and the force has been fresh at Karachi and moderate to light over the rest of the country.

Temperature.—The maximum is 5° to 8° in excess of normal at Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar Para and Cuddapah, and the minimum 5° to 10° in Sind and Rajputana and at Trichinopoly, Madras, Cuddapah, Masulipatam, Ahmednagar and Indore. The highest temperature in the shade was 108° at Cuddapah and the lowest 55° at Lahore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast in Sind, Rajputana and at Lahore, Agra, Cawnpore, Bhuj, Jamnagar, Dwarka, Bhavnagar Para, Mormugao, Masulipatam and Madras.

Rain in light showers fell at Bangalore.

Weather continues fine.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

In the city of Honolulu there is a female policeman. Moreover, says the Manchester Guardian, she is a lady of means who undertakes the duty for the fun of the thing, and refuses to accept payment. She is Miss Helen Wilder by name, and her father is a very wealthy sugar planter. She is permitted to be a mounted officer, and was granted the exceptional privilege of designing her own uniform, choosing a soft felt hat with a pretty silver badge and a very becoming skirt of dark blue. She carries a revolver also, and looks the part to perfection.

Mr. G. Bernard Shaw has had a bad shock. It was at His Majesty's and he tells of it in the Saturday Review:—

In the masked ball scene, when the Prince flits across the stage with Hero, the little scrap of their conversation that reaches us is exquisitely caught up at the end into a little trill of verse.

Prince: My visor is Philemon's roof:
Within the house is Jove.
Hero: Why then your visor should be thatched.
Prince: Speak low if you speak love.

"When, at His Majesty's, the first two lines were omitted, and 'Speak low if you speak love' tacked suddenly on to 'God defend, the lute should be like the case,' I staggered to my seat as if a dart had been struck through my liver. Had I not been under a strong and recent obligation to Mr. Tree for a service rendered to me in the production of a play of my own, I declare I should have risen and addressed the audience and moved a resolution. Only once before, in my life have I had such a shock. That was at Covent Garden one night at the end of 'Don Giovanni,' when the statue, without a word of warning, lit on a note so utterly foreign to the key, that I sprang to my feet in the midst of the stalls and uttered a most fearful imprecation, as remote from the ordinary channel of my conversation as the statue's error was from the score of Mozart."

According to the "Tailor and Cutter," a large wholesale firm in St. Paul's Churchyard are now able to have garments made up in England for which they used to pay £200,000 a year to Germany.

The London County Council is considering how best it can put a stop to the unadvisable use of its Motor-Car Register by detectives eager to establish clues wherewith to track down correspondents in divorce cases, and by tradespeople who ask for information regarding certain cars in which they claim to have seen customers who have not paid long-outstanding accounts. Close investigation is in future to be made (says "Motoring Illustrated") as to the "reasonable cause" alleged to be the motive for paying the shilling fee which opens the register to the public eye or the prying gaze of the detective.

When, asks the County Gentleman, did the age of society lions cease? Moore was lionised, as was Byron, and, for that matter, Haines Bayly. People went everywhere to hear him, parties were asked together simply because Tom Moore was to be there. He lived, of course, in an age of patronage, when the thing to do for a young poet was to get an introduction to a sort of Maecenas like Rogers, or a public man like Lord Moira. Somehow or other, all that has gone. Introductions even to editors, are almost useless; and as for trying to help an inexperienced writer by introducing him to a possible Secretary of State—! But, when, exactly, did it all cease to be the custom, or to be possible?

The railway companies in Switzerland have determined that for the future all children under 3ft. 1in. in height will be passed at half-fare; and those above, whatever their ages may be, will be treated exactly as adults. At each station, near the booking office, a measuring machine is to be fixed, and whenever a child applies for a half-fare ticket it will be invited to stand under the scale.

John Strange Winter tells in a letter to the Chronicle that her very burdensome nom-de-guerre was forced on her by men. I wrote tales for years under a feminine pseudonym, but when I aspired to volume issue, the astute publishers absolutely declined to publish my first book unless I chose a masculine name—the more real sounding the better.' It was not pleasant to me, but I was practical enough to give way on the point—and have suffered ever since.

Not long ago a dinner was given by a novelist, says Chic, at which all the butter on the great table was in miniature busts of noted authors and immortals.

A lady in Cardiff holds quite a remarkable record, says the Western Mail. She has been an enthusiastic follower of the Cardiff Football Club for nearly 25 years, and during that time has never missed a match, with the exception of last Saturday when, owing to the suspension of the Neath ground by the Welsh Union, Cardiff unexpectedly played at home. As it was, she journeyed to Edinburgh for the international.

Three hundred chauffeurs in Chicago have struck. They belong to the Amalgamated Union of Independent Automobile Directors, which has formulated certain interesting demands. They ask (says 'Motoring Illustrated") that their hours be eight a day and no more, and that after hours they be given the free use of their employers' motor-cars for themselves and friends. The employers want to limit the free use of the cars to the chauffeurs to two days a week, but they refuse to accept this, and there is a deadlock.

The motor show at Olympia has not been without its humours. One of them (according to the "Telegraph") was a sporting offer made for a motor-cab, which bore a card. "Price £350, as it is." A gallant youth offered to close the bargain at the moment that the cab was occupied by two charming young ladies, but no deal was effected.

The Barnton Football Club have decided to burn a pair of football boots which they deem to be unlucky. Recently a Barnton player in a League match, at Davenham broke his leg. A fortnight later a second Barntonian fractured a limb. Both wore the same pair of boots at the time of the accident.

The following says the "Musical News," is a reporter's account of a recent organ recital in the North of England:—

On Sunday last, in place of a sermon at evensong an organ recital was given by the organist and choirmaster. Mr.—as follows:—Preludes in B minor (Bach), Andante (Mendelssohn) tenor solo (sung by Mr. Edwards) Comfort ye my people, Harrod; Andante in Ab., Hoyse; Allegro pomposo Vincent; Ingue in G. minor, Bach.

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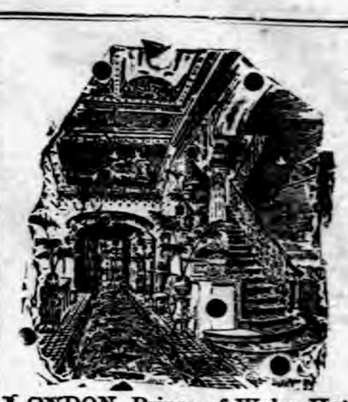

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WRITERS AND READERS.

There will be some new verse by Stevenson in a book which Messrs. Chatto are to publish early in the summer. The author is Mr. Arthur Johnstone, who was a friend of the novelist during the years he lived in the Pacific Islands. The book is entitled Recollections of Robert Louis Stevenson in the Pacific.

Mr. C. F. Keary has written a story, which Mr. David Nutt is to publish, under the title, Bloomsbury. The scene is laid almost exclusively in the quarter of London which this title indicates. For contrast, however, it is peopled with a great variety of intellectual types suggestive of the sects and "isms" among which society is to-day partitioned.

This year is the 1,200 anniversary of the foundation of the town and school of Sherborne in 705 A. D., by St. Ealdhelm. The occasion is to be celebrated by a magnificent historical pageant in the ruins of the old castle. In view of this, Mr. W. B. Wildman has prepared a historical sketch of St. Ealdhelm, and Messrs. Chapman are to publish it.

A book about Persia, the land of Omar, and still of some romance, is appearing with Mr. Murray. The author of it is the Rev. Napier Malcolm, and he entitles it—Five Years in a Persian Town. As it happens, a grand-uncle of Mr. Malcolm long ago wrote a volume on Persia. It was entitled—Sketches in Persia, and it also was published by the Murrays.

Success has waited upon a historical book that Mr. George Macaulay Trevelyan, one of Sir George Trevelyan's sons, wrote three or four years ago. A fourth edition of his—England in the Age of Wycliffe is just being published by Messrs. Longman. There is a new preface, in which the author pays his respects to the reviewers by saying that he has adopted some of their criticisms.

A couple of novels, which are very different in their subjects, will be published in the course of March by Messrs. Chapman. One, by Miss Nellie K. Blissett, is a romantic story of the time of Charles II. The other is a story based on years of acquaintance with Chinese life and customs. It is by Mr. Oliver G. Ready, and has the title Chun Qwang.

A travel book by the Hon. Henry J. Coke is shortly to appear, under the title—Tracks of a Rolling Stone. It includes many experiences of a varied and interesting career, for Mr. Coke served in the Chinese War of 1840, and explored the American prairies when buffalo still roamed on them. Also he was a guest of Louis Napoleon when the latter made Compiegne the social centre of France—indeed, of Europe.

A work on Personal Magnetism, Telepathy, and Hypnotism is to be published by Messrs. Routledge. It is by Mr. George White, and is a practical treatise suggested by the interest now taken in the subjects dealt with. It seems that information upon them is very scattered, and that for the man seeking knowledge, not sensation, it is not very well adapted. This book has been prepared for such readers, and it will be ready before long.

Next month Messrs. Methuen will publish a book by George Paston, entitled—Social Caricatures of the Eighteenth Century. It treats also of emblematical, satirical personal, and humourous prints, and has notes on the artists and many illustrations. Naturally the works of Hogarth, Gillray, Rowlandson, and Bunbury are most largely represented. Specimens are, given, however, of the caricatures of a score of men who are practically unknown to the public of to-day.

A book is appearing with the rather grim title, —Some Distinguished Victims of the Scaffold. It deals with the more remarkable crimes which attracted attention about the end of the eighteenth century. It approaches them, however, as affording pictures of the social life of the time. Each one of these live dramas, we are told, contains enough sensation to keep a modern newspaper in headlines for a year. The writer of the book is Mr. Horace Bleackley, and Messrs. Kegan Paul will publish it.

Mr. John Foster Fraser has been to Canada, and has written a book about it, which Messrs. Cassell will publish.—In Canada as It Is—he describes the Dominion as he saw it from one side to the other. He stopped at various places along the Canadian Pacific Railway, journeyed into the agricultural district, saw the factories, and chatted with all sorts and conditions of men. Indeed, he had several talks with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and the gist of them, at all events, will be found in this book.

Messrs. Dockworth announce an English translation by Mrs. Finch of Dr. Joseph Maxwell's book —Les Phenomenes Psychiques.—It will contain additional material and prefaces by Professor Richet and Sir Oliver Lodge. This book is probably the most important contribution of recent years in the way of a scientific and methodical examination of the phenomena variously known as "spiritistic," "occult," or, to use the term now suggested by M. Richet, metapsychical. The English title is Metapsychical Phenomena.

One would hardly expect to find a point of human interest in a Manual of Quaternions. Sir William Rowan Hamilton undertook the publication of a book on quaternions to serve as an introduction to his great volume of lectures. However, it grew to such a size that it became a work of reference rather than a text-book. By a curious coincidence, one of Hamilton's successors at the Observatory in Dublin, Professor Joly, has now prepared a manual of the sort. It will be published by Messrs. Macmillan on the centenary of Hamilton's birth.

Recent events in Russia have drawn a certain amount of attention to stories of Nihilism. There are a considerable number of Russian revolutionists in New York, among them Mr. Abraham Cahan, who is a novelist. A new story by him, entitled The White Terror, is just appearing here with Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton. Nine years ago Mr. W. D. Howells saw a story which he contributed to a magazine and advised him to sit down and write fiction. The immediate result was a novel called Yekl, which had a large sale in America.

The book, William Bodham Donne and His Friends, which Mrs. Barham Johnson has edited, is just appearing with Messrs. Methuen. It contains a number of letters from Bernard Barton, the Quaker poet, giving pleasing glimpses of Edward Fitzgerald.—A pamphlet on the Associations of Charles Dickens with Liverpool has been written by Mr. C. C. Bowes and is being published by the Lyceum Press of Liverpool. It deals with every visit that Dickens paid to Liverpool, and gives a full account of a banquet to him in 1869.—A work on the American as he appears in the economic world—the American in his actual economic life and strife—has been written by Professor Munsterberg of Harvard, and will be published here by Messrs Williams and Norgate.—On March 2 Messrs. Methuen will issue the edition of the poems of John Keats which Mr. E. de Selincourt has prepared. The text has been carefully edited from the first editions of the poems, collated with his MSS. where accessible.—Mr. Kosmo Wilkinson's personal history of the House of Lords will be published by Mr. Unwin within the next few weeks. It tells the reader about notable peers from the thirteenth century to the present day.

Here is the programme of the provisional committee of the proposed Shakespeare Memorial. The erection of a monument in London, the original proposition—is but the least, we learn, of the objects in view. The committee aim at the establishment of a great Shakespeare house, to be devoted primarily to the furtherance of the study and interpretation of the poet's works and also to serve as a recognised centre for humane learning generally. If the response is adequate, they hope to erect such a house in London, with a Shakespeare library, a lecture theatre and a central hall to receive a fitting statue of Shakespeare, and statues of other famous men to be added from time to time. The memorial should represent they say, the world's homage to the poet, the world's tribute to his genius. To carry out this suggestion, it is added, large funds will be necessary. White elephants are generally costly. Has the lesson of the Imperial Institute not yet been learnt?

Sir Frank Younghusband has delivered an address to the Geographical Society on Tibet and Lhassa, and has given generous help to Mr. Perceval Landon in the preparation of his book; but so far he has, vouchsafed no hint that he will himself write a book upon the subject. All readers of his fine book entitled "The Heart of a Continent" will cherish a confident hope that he will yet do so. No doubt it is easier and pleasanter to write one's reisebilder, when one has been a traveller on one's own account, unweighted by official responsibilities and untrammelled by official control. Sir Frank Younghusband may be tempted to postpone his narrative till he can speak with greater freedom and less responsibility, in Mr. Gladstone's irresponsible phrase. Then what we lose in promptness we may, perhaps, gain in raciness.

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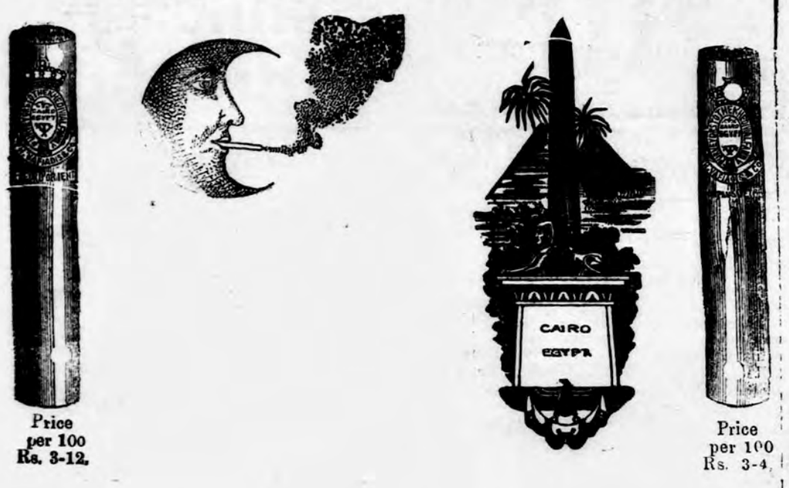

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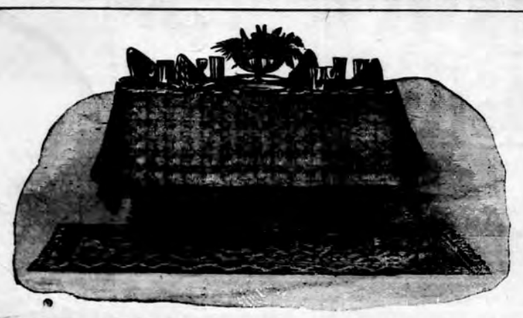

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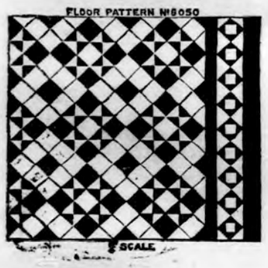

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